

Anti Slavery,  
Ms. W. C.

The fact that the Boston Beacon  
is not a provincial instrumentality:  
the knowledge that its proceeds are  
not spent in Boston or Massachusetts,  
but in maintaining a Beacon on the  
highest hill-top, & thus working a Nation  
at Salvation. The more effort to save  
the Nation, saves the State that makes  
it. The State that can work for other  
States has done for itself a more effect-  
ual work than any other agency can  
do for it. As I say "let not Ohio & Mas-  
sachusetts be content with taking care  
of Ohio & W. N. Y. so I say, let not Phil-  
adelphia be content with ministering  
to herself. I know this is also your  
idea, & it is the idea of your resolution  
which speaks of all the States & all the  
instrumentalities. But, through some unfort-

Chapman

Senate oversight, that idea is not always  
carried out as the best interests of  
the cause demand that it should  
be. It may be I am hasty in this  
conclusion, & that you have already de-  
monstrated it to be so, by appropriating  
\$2,000 to the National Society. Now  
truly & joyfully will I hear your tri-  
umphent exultations over me, if such be  
the case. If you have not \$2,000 to  
appropriate, then I will say (not in triumph  
but in sorrow) that the policy of keeping at  
home as much as the Pa. Soc has been  
done is proved to be a less successful one  
than ours of going away from home.  
In this warfare as in Bunyan's "I have."  
"The more men give away the more they  
I have observed it in hundreds of instances.  
The people who say "let us keep our money to

abolitionize our towns," are by no means the  
people whose towns are blossoming like  
abolition roses. No. The effort to abolition-  
ize some other town, does that work.

The sum total of all this tedious letter is,  
that I would not advise to send any  
man the Post Special agent to do the  
work you mention; but would rely on  
the green growth that will spring up in the  
path of the notes. & I would advise to  
send as much money as possible & as soon

as possible, to the National Society in N. York.  
Where the suffering for money is extreme.

If Mr & Mrs Pratt could say in England  
that the money they could wish sent to  
America should be spent by the Philadelphia-

Ans in sustaining a National Society, since  
the State Society was but an arm by which  
to feed, defend & serve the former, (as the Mass. Soc. <sup>is</sup>)

their aid would flow because it ought to flow  
as they indicated on your state behalf. Their funds  
in Europe could divide their contributions without

weakening any part of the Wall of the  
Am. A. S. Zion. But till you do as  
we do — give all you get, & more, out  
of your own stall, we shall get, because  
we ought to get, more foreign & Domestic  
aid than you. I speak exactly as I should  
were I a Philadelphian & you a Bostonian  
& just as directly & without Circumvention.  
For I know that the same wish animates  
us both alike, — the wish to effect the  
greater amount of service to the cause by  
the surest & best methods. I think we  
have proved the method we use to be  
the most successful by actual experiment.  
You in Phila<sup>a</sup> are more diligent than  
we & as devoted. Try our method, & you  
will go far ahead of us in pecuniary &  
consequently, <sup>thereupon,</sup> Moral advance in your state,  
& great will be our joy at your deserved  
promotion over us; since we are sorry that your pres-  
ent policy does not do your hearts justice.  
Hastily but cordially & faithfully yours A. M.

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