

Wendell Cutler Lowell, }
Dec. 11 /44 }

Mrs. Chapman,

Dear Madam,

I cheerfully accept your proposal for exchange of books, mine however will not be ready to send you until the day before Christmas, when I will endeavor that you receive them; what number of copies I cannot determine, not knowing the price of the Liberty Bell, I shall not however be at all exact as it regards myself, for there is a great moral cause or holy purpose, that I would consider more, I wish, while I believe, as you suggest, that I may thus advantage myself in a certain way, that they may avail you, (the Society), all you could expect. I think however I may have been mistaken in my former estimate of sales. They probably will not sell so high as I calculated, tho' at some of our fairs here, for domestic purposes charities, look the same side, of similar character, with the same amount of

mother, or even less, have sold as high as I at first
noted, I have no disposition certainly at fault feeling
with the managers of your fair with regard to their
agreement or regulations. Whatever way just experience
has taught them would realize the greatest amount
of funds to the cause, they certainly should pursue, &
all true friends of the cause, would heartily approve,
I am sure, tho' it should "seem" to exclude their own
best endeavoring. Commissions business ~~has~~ in fairs,
notwithstanding, has at times been profitable. I
~~am~~ ~~with~~ accompanying this with a half dozen copies
of Miscellanous Poems published by myself two years
ago, a work got up by subscription & most of the
edition thus taken up by friends, which has saved
it from becoming in a measure stale. These vols.
I put over to you for the benefit of your fair if benefit
you shall deem they may be, & the fact just stated
induces me to think they may sell, notwithstanding
they may oppose the popular taste for new things
having been ~~now~~ thirty more than one month
out. They have universally sold for one dollar a
copy. With a due sense of gratitude for your
very kind consideration I remain

Yrs. Obedt. Servant
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Mrs. Maria W. Chapman
137 Summer St.
Boston

