

How these are the swarkest since
the Board have settled Colins
accounts? I should think they
would feel sheepish enough.
Poor creatures!



Mary Ann Seidel's love.

New York, Sept. 3, 1841.

Mrs. Chapman:

Dear Friend,

I have so much to say, that I long
to throw away the pen, and talk with you face to face. In
the first place, I must tell you how pained I was to
hear that Mr. Chapman had suffered another attack of
the complaint which has caused us all so much regret
and anxiety. I will still hope that his Constitution will
~~you~~ ^{may} ~~prove~~ baffle the assaults of his disease, and that he may
yet enjoy a long and useful life. The God who has
strengthened ^{you} in so many former trials, and ~~who has~~
enabled you to consecrate yourself to the cause of truth
and righteousness, will not forsake you in the present
or any future emergency.

I have just returned from a very
pleasant excursion to Pennsylvania. Our friends there
are in excellent spirits. The Standard has great favor
in their eyes, and some of them even talk of writing

the Freeman with it. I do not think, however, that there is the slightest probability of such an arrangement taking place. They all agree that C. C. B. is not half as good an editor as lecturer; and if they can find a substitute, they will keep him constantly employed in the latter capacity. But there is the pinch with them. They are seriously talking of inviting Wendell Phillips to the editorial chair! That Wendell would make a better editor than C. C. B.; I do not doubt; but both of them ought to be in the field as lecturers. The Standard is a very agreeable paper under Mrs. Child's administration; but I could wish it had in it more of the Liberator's fire. It does not sufficiently expose the corruptions of the Church, I think. Its agreeableness is attracting the support of some half-and-half, milk-and-water sort of abolitionists, who will always re-organize in an emergency. It is often complimented at the Liberator's expense. Lewis Tappan, for instance, called and subscribed a few days ago, and expressed his admiration of Mrs. C. I don't want our papers to become ^{too} popular, but it should require too much time and sacrifice hereafter to take care of ^{their} reputation. Mrs. C. has the soul of an Old Organizationist, and she will always be true herself; and that is what relieves me.

from all anxiety. I would not say what I have
to one less friendly to Mrs. C. than yourself; and
whether you agree with me or not, you will
at least appreciate the feelings from which I speak.

I have written to Collins and Loring
on the subject of calling a special meeting of
the American A. S. Society at Philadelphia on
the 8th anniversary of its formation, (Dec. 3, 4, 5.)
I hope they will consult you upon the subject.
My own feelings are decidedly in favor of the
measure. We shall rely, however, very much
upon the judgment of our Boston friends.

The Committee here are decisious that
I should make a visit to Ohio and Indiana,
with a view of influencing the Quakers there
to contribute for our support. I can hardly
bear the thought of leaving home, but it is
probable I shall go in the course of ten days,
and be absent four or five weeks.

Wishing a cordial remembrance to Mr.
Chapman, your sisters, Wendell and wife, the friends in
Channing Place, &c. I remain,

Yours, for the cause,

Oliver Johnson.

M. W. Chapman.

Maria W. Chapman,
Boston,
Mass

Chas Johnson
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