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If his good sense prevail, all will go well.

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" Buffum tells me that Douglass is displeas'd at an intimation in a letter of mine to you, that he would be tempted by offers from the London Committee to desert the Am. Society, — or to this effect. It was not in my heart, at the time, as I recollect, to think that he would yield, & the very sacrifice of men was tempted; so that I don't feel as if I had done Friend Douglass any wrong. If I had thought he would yield, I would not have given him a letter of introduction to any friend in England. "I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy" was it Paul who said? x x x My wish was, by stating just what seemed to me the danger of the case, & that his great abilities, his circumstances and inexperience, together with his characteristic peculiarities might put him in the way of temptation, from the London Committee — to afford you the knowledge in which to act for his help. "