

Detroit May 14/46

Mrs Chapman

Dear Sister have time only to write you a short line. Am surprised to see how God has worked in pulling down strong holds since the erection of our House of worship. Through the aid of many, All classes, Rich, poor, all colors assemble together in our unfinished Church. Prejudice vanishes. The true gospel gains ground light is breaking on us. I yesterday met a Gentle of wealth, of the highest rank, who confessed his views were altered & his heart was drawn by the truth

One would scarcely know the place by reason of the change from Oppression to Liberty. Bearing on this matter & to let you know where ever Oppression is, there I, like yourself, expend freely my sympathy. I wish to do that by Letter & Correspondence with the Missionary at Amherstburgh, Isaac J Rice, who has long suffered there in behalf of my People. I learn of the great struggles about Schools & all kinds of Rights. That Officers of Government force through Law & Gospel to drive from schools the colored & hinder Amalgamations as they say. They have had some important suits & by Law taught Officers of Government not to crush the trembling fugitive. He is struggling, untiringly, unyieldingly. I hope he may

not lack as formerly for means to carry on effective war
against all Oppression. He has stood 7 years alone, & often
faint for food. If he refuses to quit the Field, as he never
would, may the Lord & his Friends stand by, I am willing to say
he is near to my heart. I find they need Schools there & cannot
get them for want of funds. Everything seems to be done
to aid the Institutions at Sydderham which seems to
hinder Common Education. I think Common Schools & general
instruction is needed more than anything else among
us. I wish something might be done to aid on in Schools

I feel greatly distressed with him, to see no Schools in many
places
"which has been the case for 5, 10 & 15 years. Had this
our dear Brother been in Algiers, among the Turks in
Hindustan or in the plains of Africa, he doubtless
would not have looked back till almost too weak
to walk or have been left in rags & indecency to be
made to blush in the midst of Enemies of Equal rights
They said (as to his great Master) ah a; so would we have
it. I wish you could see him. Like yourself, he knows no bounds
to love. He is doing more for the real benefit & the cause than
any one ever in Canada. He knows no Sect, no Color, no
Name, No part, but cries the sword of the Lord & Gideon
He has driven on one School for 7 years, is determined
to reach general Education in the Province. I wish you would show
Friend Garrison this Letter. I should have been lost, now, but for

an invitation to visit & take up collections in some of the
popular Churches of this City. Should you write, it must be
immediate as I leave here a week from next Tuesday, that is
the 25th of the present month, I expected to be at the annual
meeting, but the invitations in this city, forbid.

Affectionately I am your Brother
Lewis Hayden,

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