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Roxbury,  
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My dear friend Love,

Accept my thanks  
for your whole-hearted welcome  
on my return home from my visit  
to Europe. I enjoyed everything  
abroad, and had no slips or draw-  
backs by the way, except getting my  
feet somewhat crippled in grand  
and glorious Switzerland by over-  
much climbing of mountains. It  
added immensely to my enjoyment,  
of course, that I had Fanny and  
Frank with me. My health was  
greatly improved by the excursion,  
though I have not felt so well since  
my return home, owing to the extra-  
ordinary severity of the weather.  
Attractive and even fascinating as  
I found things abroad, with no end

to sightseeing, I am rejoiced to get back. Frank returned with me, with his health completely restored.

Fanny and her husband will spend the winter in Paris and Italy, and return to us in the spring. Mr. Villard's father died in Munich in September.

You lay out for me a good deal of work, in the programme of meetings you send, with reference to the cause of Peace, Equal Rights, Temperance, &c. But though, in all these movements I take a deep interest, as well as in many others, I can give you no encouragement as to my attendance at any of the meetings aforesaid. I am appealed to, in a similar way, in various directions, on all sorts of subjects; but I have to return the same answer. I have also declined

all returning overtures at the West,  
not wishing to be absent again from  
Lome after so long a separation  
and so short a return, and not  
feeling sufficiently well to encoun-  
ter so much fatigue and exposure.  
Besides, I am now seriously think-  
ing of consecrating the ensuing  
year to writing a History of the  
Anti Slavery Struggle, according to  
contract with Ticknor and Fields; in  
which case I must not allow myself  
to be diverted from a work that will  
require so much time and labor.  
I shall do what I can, incidentally,  
by my pen and voice, to further the  
various objects so dear to my heart.  
The cause of the Freedmen is, in  
itself, one of transcendent importance,  
and, for the time being, of pressing  
urgency. "Who is sufficient for these

things?" Yes, "if our sufficiency  
be of God" what may not be ac-  
complished, even by the humblest  
instrumentalities.

I am mortified and astonished be-  
yond measure in seeing Elizabeth  
Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony  
travelling about the country with that  
Larlegim, and semin-lunatic, George  
Francis Train, in advocacy of Woman's  
Rights, denouncing Republicanism  
and <sup>lauding</sup> Copperheadism, and assailing  
Henry Ward Beecher and Wendell  
Phillips as no longer true to the cause.  
They seem to have taken leave of com-  
mon sense.

The health of my dear wife is very  
good, though she is as much crippled as  
ever. She joins me in kindest regards  
to you and your wife.

Yours, for eternal progress  
(A. T. Love) Wm. Lloyd Garrison