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My dear Friend -

I have been thinking a long time to drop
www.libtool.com.cn you a line of explanation of certain "matters and things" in
the West, but have postponed doing so from week to week
till every week would be our last in this State and
then I would be able to say what was our new field.

Yet we have been told here far beyond our original in-
tentions, and now we see no way of leaving before the
last of Oct. - You will never forget the ten thousand
trials and refutations with which we were beset in '39-
'40-'41 in Mass. - We are living these trials over again
in Ohio today - To be sure they do not annoy and dis-
hearten us who have passed through them once, as they
did originally - But only Stephen and myself were fully
in that ordeal - The other abolitionists of the West
who ^{now} bear the heat (and burden of the day ^{here}) did not
comprehend our work then - Some had not yet en-
tered the ranks, and others, who had, were "disgusted with
Eastern quarrels" - Even B. P. Jones of Philadelphia was al-
most "Whittiered," and Lizzi was not then born into the cause.

The Liberty party priests and Demagogues have left us
alone unturned to destroy the influence of the disunionists.
No scandal is too mean for them to resort to - Hence
there is a difficulty in raising funds, and there is also
a lack of that enthusiastic cooperation which otherwise
would be given. This state of things has kept us here when
we had intended to be looking after the Standard in
New York. We have done comparatively nothing for the

Standard (and Liberator) but have bent our entire energies
to bring the subscription of the Bugle up to sixteen hundred,
the number necessary to its support — It is now up to some
fourteen hundred and fifty — Before we leave we think the re-
quisite number will have been obtained, and our friends
of the Bugle will not be confident that the Standard
will pile off the life of the Western Movement, the Bugle.

The desperation to which the Third Party is driven, which is
to some of our good friends so distressing, is to us the
most delightful symptom of all — And as the party here
is up for sale it will be in our way but little longer.

Indeed, considering it is just before the biennial elections
for the State and Congress, I am astonished at our success —
Some of the political parties can create any enthusiasm —
~~and hundreds are coming fully into the disunion ranks~~
on principle, while thousands are cursing the Union while
they support it. I have never seen such a change
wrought in so few months — The action of the government
within the last few months has, undoubtedly, very much
contributed to it, by opening our way to the ears of the
prejudiced — — — The third party vote may be as large
or larger ^{here} than ever elsewhere — Many Methodists will
vote for Lewis because he is a priest of their order.
Yet nothing can save them from the condemnation of all
the enlightened as fully pro slavery — — — Saml. Brock
is making arrangements to bring several young lecturers
into the field this winter — They will be able to do a
good work, I trust — I regret, however, that ~~there is~~ no
one of ^{them is of} life experience — Still I have full confidence

It will be safe for us to leave in Oct. — — Then we
want to give ourselves to the ~~circulation~~^{circulation} of the Stan-
dard — The question is, What field shall we take.
When we came here, and thought to leave in Sept., we
designed to proceed directly to N. Y. — We still have
great anxiety for that State. But Western N. Y. is
sometimes so muddy in the winter that little can be
done there for several months — It may be so this
winter — Will it be best to go there and then leave if
necessary — Or is Mass. the best place for us — Since
the crushing of the ¹⁸² tariff can't the cotton men be
reached, and made to see that this tariff, is only ^{one of} a series
of similar outrages which have been accumulating for
the last fifty years, and that they are the natural fruits
of the "Compromise"? Can't they, or the common people
rather, be made to feel the humiliation of the north,
her servile and base condition, and that she has thus
gone into captivity because she adopted captivity — In
a word, is Mass. the best place for concentrating a
strong force this winter and by flooding the Legislature
with remonstrances against the Union, commencing the last
agitation which shall be needful to cut the cord that
binds her to her sin and curse. — A large force concen-
trated there this autumn and winter might, perhaps, do the
thing — But if N. Y. is the place, then I hope as full a
force as may be will be gathered there. I hope, however,
we shall go where we can collect Stephen's salary, as
we have done next to nothing by way of collections this
summer — We do not like to draw on the treasury for

his pay this year, as we were compelled to last, with the
exception of ^{some} \$200,00 —

Now may recollect it was not my intention last win-
ter to leave this summer, but to rest and regain my
original vigor — The Mexican war changed my deter-
mination — And now, notwithstanding we have had
constant hard work on our hands, we are both far
stronger than we were last spring. Indeed I am
quite as vigorous, I think, as when I first entered
the field — Since the cool weather commenced I am
not right up again, and feel equal to almost any task

Will you write me at Columbus when we are to be
the 12 of Oct. — Stephen has written Wendell within a
few days (and has said something in relation to our next
winter's field —
Yours most truly A. N. S.

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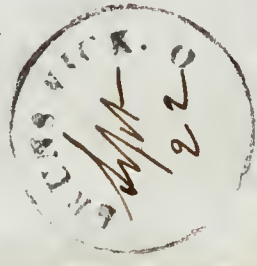
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There has been pretty fully a week's fair weather —
even to many of the former indications —
There will probably be something of the
appearance in the Spring.