

March 17/65

My dear May

I returned yesterday from New York, where delegates from this city, Baltimore & Boston had been holding a meeting to consummate the opening of the American Freedmen Aid Society.

The enclosed portion of the Constitution will furnish you an object. It is to give unity & nationality to the movement for the Black man; to take it out of the rut in which it has been worked - by men not competent to take in its breadth & significance - and put it on the plane which it ought

Dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. and in reply to inform you that I have accepted of the offer, and have taken the necessary steps to the effect of the same. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
Wm. Chapman

This is not - except incidentally & temporary - an ill-nomined movement; it is a reconstructive movement. It is to re-organise the masses of the South - & that on a better basis - & to re-integrate society there.

This movement is the anti-slavery movement metamorphosed. The Am. Freedmen's and Fair Trade is the ~~predecessor~~ & ought to be the heir of the Am. anti-slavery society.

The National Reorganizer - if such a paper with any such a name should be established - should fall heir to the good will

and subscription list of the National Anti-Slavery Standard. Especially if Wendell Phillips, Garrison or some such person should be its Editor.

Our centre of operations will be New York.

Prof. Trend is our President, and until a permanent appointment shall be made, Wendell Phillips, Garrison is our secretary pro tem.

We shall introduce ourselves to the world in a week or so by an address, & in the second week of May by a grand "Anti-Slavery" meeting in New York to be addressed by Phillips, Brooks, Wm. Beecher,

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Genl. Saxton, for Andrew,
or from such persons.
now I want you as
one of the Board of Managers
of the Am. Association to
put these facts in your
report & make them
see what the result will
be.

Oliver thinks that the
Standard will come to
a stop about the 1st of
May. That is my own im-
pression also.

I am well coming to
Boston in a few days. I
want you to be there
when I come. I am on
the Com. to establish a paper
& that will be part of my
errand. Meanwhile