

Dear Allen

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I have read & read thy letter with much interest. I have not written for I thought - that too much from home & I have been so run down with work that I dare take up a pen. I was in Phila. last week with a Com. & I am again to spend next week in N. Y. on some business. I have moreover been wanting & trying to get to N. Y. to see thee & thy wife & the children. I have been much tired & a night that I could not leave. Here in my life have I had so many & such important & public matters on my hands. And what has been about thy work & it gives me great comfort - except that - thou says, "I am sure the Society will not collect the money for me". Please write me & tell how the matter stands & what leads thee to think so - have speak plainly - how much has been collected - how much paid thee - & who is collecting for me? - At the Society meeting we have on Allen day & back upon what they do in open meeting with such large sums

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