

W. Manassas, Va. Mar 30 1872

Mr. T. W. Sargent

Dear Sir I received your kind
 reply to my letter and it gave me hope
 and joy. I thought it would be done and
 the want of understanding through educa-
 tion prevented me from going farther than
 I did. We must do something. I shall
 not stop here I am going to try to get a
 band of organized women to make
 plans to incourage their husbands
 and sons in the standing up for
 their rights if the republican party
 will not protect us we can say plans
 to protect our selves if the south keep
 up these murderous laws I fear the
 whole government must suffer god will
 punish if we allow our people scattered

and not protect each other better, it
 must use that strength he gives us
 and if our men can not help themselves
 we must women must help them to
 protect our family, if it comes to that we
 fight our own battles ^{as} men do on the other
 side this means to do it for our line if we
 don't use the pen ~~we~~ most of us can use
 the tongue there is work for all the educated
 and the uneducated of us & education
 means a reverence in lots of ways,
 our graduates from our white schools
 is not much good to his race he learns
 to spurn the ~~very~~ African and think him
 self less than his white father after having
 his own mother tell of the cruel treatment
 they received at their hands he you
 see is educated for the benefit of the

white man and not his ever good he
 think that in his superior they because
 the white schools. Educated him to it ah
 there is a great work to do when they
 get out of school we have got to go
 to work to uneducate this. Had principle
 you will there, we want our children educat
 ed this under these laws is that it is do
 ing. I do not think you will be to
 send any more of my talk I will guess
 a little more next. I received your pamphlet
 and glad to get it and thank you very much
 you will understand that there is nothing but
 in sending it and I want to ask you please
 to accept my thanks for sending my letter with
 you to the president, and for the \$5 to aid
 me in this work. I will try hard in this
 cause get something done to God. It must

And if you get the least bit of success -
please write us how of course I do not expect
much. I am going out with the talent of
some of our magistrates to do the same.

If you are to be heard in any sense you must
show some qualifications as to our conditions
but if not you will find it out soon or
we will - God has opened his eyes for all things
for us to see through, - now as to teaching us
is such a well as prayer. I trust you are
at your own all publishing of your views that
- may and I trust God all is right -

yours very respectfully,
Mrs. H. Davis. 2517 - Parker St