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Dear Mr Sawyer.

A few minutes after writing and mailing my letter of last to you. a whity gentleman of the same name as myself was kind enough to deliver to me a letter he had received that was meant for me. It was from Gray. I wrote him that it would be impossible for me to go giving reasons therefore; but letter was so incomplete as to details and when, where, and at what time I would be called upon that knowing him as I do I concluded he didnt want me to come.

However Mr Sawyer, to have obliged you I would have gone had it not been at that time despite my disapproval of their Aug 1st money making affairs. I am bookkeeper with the firm on whose paper I am writing. July 31st concludes a 6 months business and Aug 1 I get out my balance sheet

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and make a summary of the season's business. This is a large house - the largest of its kind in Detroit, and for a few days it keeps me busy and at my post.

Now in regard to the plan of which you wrote. There was something singular about the name you would probably suggest The Daily Journal. Now The Journal is the only daily here not having a weekly edition. Its managing editor I am acquainted with and I had a talk with him about the project - that is of taking The Daily and uniting it to The Journal as its weekly edition. He didn't think it would be a success, at least, if successful at first it would only be ephemeral, and he didn't appear willing to want to try it.

Personally as I hinted in my last I do not approve of it. The labor to you would be enormous. It would

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be a constant source of worry. It would scatter your energies. It would take up too much time in keeping your various editions in harmony with the central idea. Experience seems to teach that unless each edition is entirely independent of each other that the work is usually a failure.

I think the Oasis in the end will be far more successful and exert a greater influence on government and Christian thought from a central point as at present. Journals like The Oasis are needed. The public knows too little about civics, and is but just awakening.

The times are dull, or I would have been able to have sent more subscriptions. There are two women - colored, who are trying to solicit for same at spare moments, as they desire to enter one or more contests. I know one or two members of the Federation which by the way appears to be in a

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state of suspended animation, and I at first opportunity will talk with them about Basis

I have been sorry to hear of your illness. I wish I was near at hand so that I could help you out in your work of getting the raisins ready. I am better at that than hustling on the outside. Stowers & R Pelham are better men than I am at outside hustling and nerve.

That was a very plain and apparently true statement of facts appearing in that letter in the last issue of the Basis. It is a very true statement to the candidate for office particularly when every man appears to him in the attitude of the striker. There are but few men in a community that who furnish it with its thought. The great balance apparently are content to talk about the mental food offered them, and give but faint sup-

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test when not to their liking. and as long as the country is apparently prosperous ~~are~~ look with indifferent eyes or are oblivious to what is going on every where except in their spheres. Still I am not ready to accept its conclusions. for I have faith in the people ultimately coming up out of the slough of the thought now holding them in bondage. After all life is a constant struggle to be free from something and I see no hope for the human race outside of the Gospel of him who said: "I have come to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, and to set at liberty them that are bruised" And when the Basis preaches His doctrines, and insists on this rules laid down by Him for the governing of human conduct, it cannot be wrong

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I enjoyed the last issue of the Oasis very much. Trusting that you will soon be all right again

I am
Yours sincerely
Mrs. H. Anderson

To
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