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The Importance of a Press

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There is no way of building up a movement, strengthening it and keeping it intact, except by a press, at least weeklies, if dailies are impossible. The press is the medium through which we exchange ideas, keep abreast of the times, take the gauge of battle and see how far the class conflict has progressed. It is by the press we educate the public mind and link the people of most distant parts together in bonds of fraternity and comradeship. We can keep track of the work and accomplishments of our comrades in no other way, except by the medium of paper. *The Liberator* is the only English-language anarchist propaganda paper in America; for this reason, comrades and sympathizers in all parts of the country should feel in duty bound to support this paper, write for it, contribute to its support financially, and make its success their personal concern.

The expense of carrying on a paper that costs as little as *The Liberator* does is trifling, if only a few active spirits would interest themselves in its welfare. There was never a time in the history of America when there was such urgent need for radical education as at the present moment. The rich are becoming more oppressive, domineering and arrogant each day; the people more depressed, despoiled and helpless. Every radical

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should try to reach them and educate them to a correct understanding of their condition in society; tell them why they are exploited, and the remedy. *The Liberator* is trying to perform this task.

Comrades, will you help us?