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In this age of quick transmission of thought, when all our energies are strained to learn more and more about the sayings and doings of our fellow beings, and especially those who are engaged in the same line of work with ourselves, it becomes absolutely necessary for us to have a medium of exchange if we are to keep in touch with each other, and if we are to do any effective work. I believe we have all felt this need most intensely since the suspension of *Free Society*. *The Liberator* comes to fill this want. Comrades, are you ready to support the paper? Are you ready to give your moral and financial assistance? If the paper is not what you wish it to be, then make it so, write articles, send in reports about meetings and reform movements generally in your vicinity. The paper is yours, make of it what you choose. Articles will be published from comrades and friends with the thanks of the editor. The line will be drawn sharply at personalities as we know these enlighten no one and do infinitely more harm than good. The editor has been too busy getting out the paper upon the date promised to correspond with many writers of known ability requesting them to contribute to *The Liberator*, but will do so very soon. Among those who have

been written to and have promised to contribute articles are the well-known historian and scholar C. L. James, who will contribute a series of articles on "Anarchism Defined." The first one appears in this issue. These articles will begin in the simplest form and lead the reader gradually, step by step into the philosophy of anarchism. Al Klemencic, of Pueblo, Col., will keep our readers posted upon the labor movement in the middle west. Albert Ryan, whose style and energy is here given us under head of "correspondence," and who is a member of the Western Federation of Miners, will keep us posted on everything of interest in his part of the world. We will endeavor to find some one on the Pacific coast to keep us informed from that part of the country. E. N. Ling has promised us a series of articles, beginning in October, showing the condition of the farming class. As Mr Ling is a farmer and has been engaged in agricultural pursuits both in this country and Canada we may expect something from his pen that will be interesting and practical. And, too, our readers will become quite familiar with the facile pen of "Rex." Hoping comrades will overlook the defects and shortcomings of the management of this paper, remembering that the editor lays no claim to being a trained writer, and where mistakes occur, they will be mistakes of the head and not of the heart. Salutations and greetings to all friends of Liberty, Solidarity and Equality.