

Norwich Female Abolition Society Record

Sept. 26, 1844

It was decided by the members of the Society that they would send the articles of clothing to Rev. H. H. Garnett a colored clergyman of Troy [New York], for the benefit of the fugitives that should call on him for help. The value of the bundle was not estimated. It was forwarded the first of December, the receipt of which was acknowledged by a letter from Mr. Garnett, dated Dec. 18, 1844.

The following is a copy.

Dear Sir, Your letter of the 16 inst in behalf of Lady's Society of your town has been received, together with the bundle of clothing. The package was indeed timely, & is thankfully received, and shall be faithfully applied as you have directed. We shall not have many cases this winter, but as soon as the navigation opens in the Spring, without any doubt the good ladies of Norwich will have the pleasure of making many a suffering one happy. The very last one that came along, was a wretched man from N. Orleans. The poor fellow found a great difference between the climate of Louisiana, and that of the Highlands of New York. He was thinly clad, cold, and shivering. At first I thought he was an impostor. But in a few minutes one of the female inmates of my family came in, and immediately recognized him. His story was true. She too was from New Orleans. We fed, and clothed him, and now the man is doing well. Sometimes we have been compelled to draw on our own wardrobes, which are never too well furnished. The articles you sent are of the best selection.

Yours, Henry H. Garnett