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My dear Mrs. Kelley -

I have your telegram. Of course, I should consider it a sacred duty, & someone is entitled. But I can not make a canvas. The more I think about it the more I feel that a further Compton is

not the place where I could do much good. It seems to me that after all, though no one is the best judge, perhaps of what concerns Ben, I can still tell pretty accurately by what my best friend is. Parshimons, however, would not be, as far as I can judge from the information I have, the

least chance of election. It is
stated that the Republicans carried the
district by 24,500 plurality in 1892.
The nomination therefore amounts to an
invitation to me to confine what energy
I have to propaganda in that dis-
trict with no hope of other result than
the education of that constituency. Besides
I am when available available. I would
not be willing to conceal or decorate
my opinions on a dozen subjects which if
brought out would injure me as an "avail-
ability." There is steady talk of the Demo-
crats endorsing me. But I would under no
circumstances be willing to pass under any
kind of obligation to that party. I am go-
ing to work harder than ever for radical
social reform, and I think that is better than going
to Cayuga to be beaten by the Sugar Trust. It is
blooming. Faithfully yours H. H. Wood