

Farmington Dec. 10. 1835.

Dear Brother Garrison

I regretted exceedingly that I did not find you in Boston the other day on several accounts. As it is therefore I must make a letter answer for a personal interview. And first, in reference to Dr. Channing's book. You have doubtless seen it before this, & very like, have begun to dissect it & to set Dr. C. over against Dr. C. Be this as it may, I hope you will take it ⁱⁿ hand, & give it a thorough review. Some of our good Unitarian friends I think are biased in their judgements of it by their partialities for the Dr. They need to see the Dr. tested by an impartial & unbiassed pen. And I have another reason for saying the Dr. should be thus reviewed. On my return I called on Dr. Hawes Hartford, & found that he had come out as boldly on the subject, Thanksgiving day, as he dares. He has since been requested to preach the sermon to the Free Church in Hartford. He told me thought of drawing it up with more care - when preaching it there, give it to the public. I replied I hoped he would if it was orthodox. He said, O Yes, Yes, he true to the principles, but then he could not go exactly

with all our movements & intimated that he ^{had} taken some
Exceptions to them, just enough, to use his own expression,
to "save his skins." The plain English of the whole of it then
is this, that he, & he is but one of a hundred such, can't
keep still any longer on the subject, but cannot bear to
come out on the subject without taking sundry exceptions
to sundry things, just to "save their skins" from the kicks
we have had to take, as well as to seem to have some
justification for their long & guilty silence. Wingham
understand is coming out also with his famous
sermons. Others I doubt not will follow soon. In
this state of things, it seems to me all important that
every such man who comes out should be reviewed
without respect of his person, & where he is naked,
let his nakedness be made visible. It is better
to keep the rod over them & make them hold still, than
to have them come ^{out} & ^{more} go-betweenities. Still while
we show them no mercy, let us treat them with due
respect, & acknowledge the good they say & thank them
for it, & at the same time make the public see how,
by their contradictions, they eat & re-eat their own
words. I intend, if Wm. wishes it, to review Cha.
in the Quarterly Magazine,

I begin the siege of Connecticut, next Sabbath

I propose to lecture as I can during the winter & in
the Spring get up a convention for a State Society.
I shall not go to Boston. If possible, I shall be at the
Convention in Rhode Island. If so I shall see you
there or on my way. After Convention there, I hope
to have Stanton with me in this State. Our
dear Brother P. has gone. On several accounts I am
heartily glad, though if it had been possible, I should rather
he would have ~~staid~~ remained till Spring & gone thence.
I think he will have a fine tale to tell of America. It
would be a grand affair I think if some Abolitionist
from this Country could go over Great Britain with
him to corroborate & confirm his statements.

O what a burning indignation he will kindle up
against ~~some~~ republican slave mongers & Christian
negro-haters! — Our cause is getting on well, in the
main, in Boston; there is a strong under current
there. I am afraid however some of our friends are
a little too anxious to get the influence of great
names or at least reckon a little too much upon
them. We must look out for that. I will never do
to go down to Egypt & Assyria for help. Our strength
is in truth & God. Good brother "Hancock" who could not
endure our hard words a year ago, seems to out-Parrison
me — at least in the estimation of some of our friends. Remember me
affectionately to Mrs P. Yours truly, Isaac C. Wells

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