

Dublin 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1848

My dear Friend

Rebecca Moore writes to ask  
if we thought a letter from Mrs Ireland,  
the Editor of the *Manchester Examiner*,  
recommending you to the good people of  
Madame Calmache (an English lady, mar-  
ried to a Frenchman, residing in Paris,  
the writer of several very able letters about  
the Revolution of February, which were pub-  
lished in Mrs Ireland's paper) would be acceptable.  
We replied that it wd, there it is. I don't think  
it well to miss any opportunity of the kind,  
as we can take what might be the  
good results of any accepted letter - &  
let us hope that Madame Calmache  
may be of use so much use to you.  
I find that the Parisian Proprietors  
of the *Edinburgh Ladies' A.S.S.* leave it  
to the opinion of contributors to send  
their gifts to Boston or Rochester - nearly  
all from Belfast will go to Rochester -  
the Cork ladies mean to divide their  
gifts & to do those from Manchester  
so I think it probable that a strong  
romantic personal interest connects

many contributors with I suppose he  
will be likely to get a large share of  
what is sent. I am sorry for this - &  
I think it is not to Douglas's credit that  
he should have used his influence in  
this way for his own benefit and to  
the damage of the main insti-  
tutionality of ~~the~~ a cause, which has done  
so much for him. The fact is that in  
these countries there are extremely few  
who understand the American Anti  
Slavery cause, or appreciate its importance,  
apart from its romantic & personal  
interest. I can't help feeling a little  
bored with the folly & ignorance that  
are consequently evinced - But as there  
is no one in looking my temper I may as  
well keep it.

Pretty soon after my return from  
Liverpool I sent Miss Martineau some  
the Diagram of the Steamship which you  
heard me promise her - and a present  
of a book upon Ireland that I knew  
she would like & that it was desirable  
she should have. I also made some  
allusion to the matter she spoke of to

you and declared my entire innocence of  
any intention in respect to her in any  
thing I had written about her. She thanked  
me very cordially for the book (in reply)  
and dilated on the merits and on her  
ambleside lectures - ~~as to~~ I thought I was  
getting off with flying colours - But no such  
thing - for although she said she would be  
glad if I would call if I again visited  
Ambleside, she expressed a degree of  
sorrow about my remarks - in the  
standard, which I don't think my words  
warrant, & which I am certain she  
never had the remotest notion they could  
occasion. She said however that she  
regretted it more as concerning "a want of  
judgment" in me than on her own  
account. She thought I had too much  
goodness of heart to mean to say any  
thing so disagreeable. I have never  
been so mortified by any letter I ever got  
partly that I should have impressed  
so unfavorably on I honour so highly  
& partly that I should have in some  
degree implicated you by proceeding  
with such an unfit & troubling com-  
pamion to Ambleside. I would ~~to~~ as  
soon have put my finger in the fire as  
enter her home if I had in any degree  
suspected what I have ~~known~~ - so I hope you

will excuse me. It was great comfort to hear  
your letter Caroline says that Miss Martineau  
had no right to be so very particular if she  
looked to her own remainder upon others.

Maurois & I are reading his Eastern Travels.  
It is a delightful and ~~very~~ ~~perfect~~ ~~admirable~~  
book - full of imagination & ~~delicious~~ ~~excellent~~  
heresy. She is a wonderful woman richly

endowed with intellectual & moral gifts &  
grace. She seems to me to have as high an to  
be somewhat unable to allow for the vast  
difference between herself and the majority  
of others of her fellow creatures. I think she  
is very separate from the consensus of her  
own humanity. Nevertheless, though I have

been made to search for it, I am glad I have  
seen her - and I think that you have profited  
I hope that you can before  
the presence of great times of suffering.

Taking your advice literally, I am preparing  
to send a large number of the sea weed  
ornaments to the Fair - if they sell as well as

you say, I shall be greatly puffed up.  
If you should have time I would be much  
obliged by a letter from Paris to say how you  
"get along" & how you enjoy your sojourn. Maybe  
your letter Caroline would gratify me in this  
way if you have not been time - it would be  
so pleasant to have her autograph.

With hearty good wishes to you all  
I remain your most truly

Richd D Webb