

I have so many motives for wishing
 to please your father - to qualify yourself,
 to occupy your time - to attain the respect
 of whom you are surrounded - There are
 the things that make me glad indeed to hear
 that you have taken a second German lesson
 book. I have not received the Dancing Master's
 bill yet. Pray hurry him a little, & make him
 give it to you, & I will send the money with
 your monthly allowance, as soon as I get it.
 Doria, too, is busy as well as yourself
 in making an N. M. Review-book. This is
 the sort of work Solomon (I believe it was) had in
 view, when he says - "Oh that mine Enemy had
 written a book!" - I have duplicates of many &
 will give you them whenever you wish for them.
 But the Blackwood is the most precious morsel
 of all. The leprosy of old Toryism is in all its
 walls & rafters. Such parasites of politics have but little
 idea of the condition of their own Country 30
 years ago, or (of ^{useful what the word is there.} what the word is there.)
 "In what a ~~place~~ & what a heat
 We tramped the anchors of their hope."

Continued from last page. It seems incredible but in all
 this heath of English there is but
 one attempt at
 Criticism or corre-
 tion: i.e. John
 Blackwood says,
 in reply to the
 statement as to
 the condition of the
 West in his
 childhood -
 "We were not
 aware that the peo-
 ple could not go
 where they liked
 & get grain if
 they liked: were
 you not? - I
 replied: in reply
 of the game laws,
 & the laws
 of combination laws
 & states some ten-
 dency to say so.
 But those were my
 teachers. I fear
 you will not be able to
 read this: it is a
 good exercise
 but I don't give you the
 proof of decay & ruin, at the expense of -

Your affec. M.C.

or "In what a force, what a heat

"Wee shaken the Anchors of their heels."

This, & the "Spectator" are the two worst I have seen: the first ^{the} political spite, the last for odium theologorum. What a world would this be, carried on by the laws these short-sighted people recommend! "Oh - stop! - you must not mention Crime or Wrong!" - Somebody committed it? - & it will hurt their feelings to mention it. "Yes. And somebody suffered it? & the feelings of all right minded persons will be soothed & comforted to see the burden of sin placed on the right ^{& calumny after,} shoulders." By such notions of moral conduct, History & Prophecy become impossible: the past is blotted out, or falsified, which is worse, & right & wrong become empty sounds.

The History of Cain & Abel must stand as a warning - not to such as incline to commit fratricide, but to such as say that such conduct as Cain's is envious, base - criminal. Show the "Spectator" a Christ-like character, & it is pained to the core of its being. Had it lived in the year 33, it would have cried out with the little crowd - "not this man, but Barabbas!"

But the "Atheneum" ^{men} has some weight, tho' vexed at not being himself the ~~honorary~~ executor

The state of mind of Mr Charles Knight as a specimen
of ^{present} ~~the~~ ^{fact} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~knowing~~ ^{shown} ~~the~~ ^{letter} to
the publisher Charles Knight, - I understand his book-keeping
of ~~the~~ ^{his} ~~apprehensions~~, - yet when ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{time} ~~came~~,
after the signal given by ^{Mr James} ~~the~~ ^{prospective} ~~review~~, he
threatened to break his contract. This is his letter
on that occasion.

Harriet Martineau never ^{fully} realised the nature
of this attempt nor only to break her down as an author
but to turn her out of society as "lying at the feet
of a low vulgar, ignorant Mesmerised, giving up
her sense of moral obligation, - which Mr J. Martineau
made, in conjunction with her sister Elizabeth's
husband, Dr. Greenhow, who had been her physician.

Mr James declared, in order to soften the matter,
that she was insane. He influenced her mother to refuse
to see her. ~~Her~~ ^{her} ~~sister~~ ^{Mr. G.} ~~Elizabeth~~ & the
younger, then declared to her that if she persisted in
attributing her cure to Mesmerism it would ruin
Greenhow's reputation as a physician. So they all
continued to try to ruin her as a woman. It was
a domineering family, that fell into the error of
supporting such turkey - Buzogard of its members
as wonderful as its Cagle, to show the effect of Mr
J. M. Anson's ~~upon~~ ^{on} ~~his~~ ^{his} ~~sister's~~ ^{sister's} I subjoin the
following cites - from Mr Charles Knight
a leading publisher & from Mrs Fletcher
a leader ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~Sabbath~~ ^{Sabbath} ~~Society~~ ^{life} ~~in~~ ^{the} ~~London~~

Harriet Martineau's
Autobiography

MS. H. 9. 2. 3. 1

And that memory is why they pulled it out of me. I do not do it in a state of shame to him. And he says to be mixed up with a disreputable.

proclaims to be such. "Books that are books"
Reviews that all hate & spite and
do justice - till they are needed as confirmations
of the very goodness & features they deny. They
only ~~are~~ ^{remain} as carcasses of insects in Amber.
As for my part, what did you expect?
I will tell you what I expected. I expect-
ed of English reviewers, the most bitter con-
demnation of a ruler who tells exactly
what England was 70 years ago, - What
party-critics were 40 years ago, - How you-
ant they must as a general thing be, in compar-
ison with a genius & a talent in combina-
tion. How base in their envy & hatred, their
malice & all uncharitableness. Must they not
hate one who rebukes their "favourite disease"
of the double weight of her own too great
humbly in self-estimation, & of the falsehood
heaped upon her by a brother? - They thought
they had for it settled: that ^{there was nothing but} ^{legitimate} ^{criticism} ⁱⁿ an accusation
of participation in crime - ^{since} ^{G. S. Mill's}
scattering of incentives to profligacy in young men,
seducing servant girls, down into the "areas" of Lon-
don Houses; for which he was arrested & with
the greatest difficulty saved from condemnation by
the efforts of the Parson, Mr Austin.]*

I have the letters that show the effect of his
 "Milk of God" at Worcester County Mass
 and particularly at Cambridge, Mass
 that, at the time of the
 outbreak,

of H. M. (You see I know the full
 history of these men. This one was a
 friend of H. M. but no more aware of
 his very highest aims of her life, than his
 nephews.) I am told that the "Atlantic
 Monthly" has "a mighty article, - a long one
 it is: "but then" says the newspaper paragraph
 length is excusable on account of the importance
 of the subject. I send you a "transcript,"
 the sake of Monroe Conway's notice,
 from a Cincinnati paper, which he
 corresponds with. Whose fault should you
 think it was, from reading this, that James
 Matthews had lived an unhappy life, since
 he tried to damage his sister's reputation
 and break up her means of livelihood, & turn
 her out of Society? - would it not seem
 that it was his fault & my fault? *
 that is not the way the world will
 judge; - the world, whose judgment
 will be made up after the rage of Contem-
 poraries has smouldered out, & the "Spectator" &
 "Blackwoods" are hunted up from their obscur-
 ity, to prove the excellence they then hated

They thought they had got it settled that Harriet
 Martineau was coarse, hard hearted, narrow minded,
 without ability, first of the lowest order, -
 without affections, - without morality - the
 prey of the first vulgar Charlatan that
 came along. They thought they had
 her own respectable Brother-in-law & her
 own respectable Brother to vouch for all this.
 "Why her own Mother would not see her,
 so deeply did she feel her daughter's disgrace,
 when her afflicted son reproached it to her."

all this they said & they had no idea it
 was over to be upset. I have upset it. What can
 they do but ignore or condemn? I have
 (most terrible act of all) fenced her
 grave from desecration by an array of
 the nobles of two lands. That, one of them
 says, is taking unpardonable advantage of their
 sorrow at her death. They were then ^{most notable by name} Provinces at
 the grave of this greatest English woman after
 all? - You see, - they ^{to the critics} are like foxes, &
 rats, these critics, whose holes I have stopped:
 & they squeak & prout out which way to run.
 I know all the earths, (as the English Fox-
 hunters say) for I have lived in England: - &
 what they would have said they cannot, for they

See the reputation in advance. They
(Caroline & Dora) are amused to hear
(Ma McDonough say "How fat Maurice is
frowned!" "yes" - they reply - "She gains
a streak with every one of these reviews."
— yes - I have been faithful to the friend
who lived a life of such fidelity to me; and
I rejoice in every such daily proof that
my work has been well-done, & workman
like. As to "style," &c. &c. then talk about
that or if men in whose camp a well-
directed shell has just burst, should say
that it was "turgid." One friend - (I think
it was you - Aunt Keenan, but will not be
sure -) wished I had put my part first.
You see why it would not have been best. I had
to take the life that her low self-estimate & others'
lies had laid before me, & tell how the world
estimated it in spite of all. Do you suppose ^{the} you
the great, the illustrious, surveying themselves within, look at ^{all} ^{the}
side to themselves ~~that~~ ^{as} they do the beholders without ~~of~~
^{no more than} ^{deep within} the world's great palaces ~~as~~ from the cellar-foundations,
look like the same pile from a neighbouring
eminence. So much for the "non-sense of an outdoor
life & an indoor life," which one of these men checks of.
It was well-stuffed with combustibles, I think so myself.