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My dear Friend

I have just been reading the speeches of Garrison and Douglass at Bristol. They were of course very good. From what I can learn D. was very eloquent every where there here. We had comparatively poor audiences there. ~~He~~ had no opposition worth talking of - his thronging crowds - no great rich people to give him the effort. His Bristol speech is admirable and he is a fine fellow. It would be a thousand pities that he should go away - and I think he has not enough to know the side that is best, and most creditable to himself. He speaks darkly in favor of us. He needs no rights. I ~~take~~ ^{take} back nothing I have said of his defects on the various points I come planned of - but I admire and value him so much for the cause sake that I could bitterly regret if any thing occurred to mar his usefulness. I am happy to the ear that old Mr. Estlin is finally delighted. I had letters from him yesterday. He says "Mr Garrison was at my house, and Dupan at Mr. Edw. Thomas's. I have had a busy week in bringing together people who would be benefited by his visit & in making such arrangements as would ensure respectable staying meetings."

who is there Ireland - I have a note for us and don't know where to find it - I think it was for land a stand and to Mrs. Woolley, Upper Beaufort. Manchester, you want to ask. I had a long talk with her. She was a good lawyer, and did find law. She is a fine woman, and I would let her be a lawyer.

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Hitherto we have gone on most satisfactorily. My daughter,
myself, and friends have been greatly interested in the
sermons, and we hope he has not been disappointed
with his visit. Douglass has been much admired. His
speaking exceeded my expectations. I had a party
of 60 to meet Garrison and Douglass on Tuesday, besides
many others on Monday evening, and at breakfast
on Tuesday. They are gone on to Exeter, but Mr.
Garrison ~~will~~ returns tomorrow to Bristol (from
where letters come) and I accompany him to Bath &
see Mr. Abdy. Douglass means to speak at Taunton
& Bradford, and again at Bristol. Nothing could
have turned out better than our meeting at the
Victoria Rooms - which is a fashionable place.
We shall have an Assembly to the League of Home
Society Resolutions, which I hope will be Anti-Slavery
enough even for you and Mr. Mayhew."

Have you ever heard of Joseph Barker of Leeds
and formerly of Newcastle? He is a very remarkable
man. In his early days owing to his father's mis-
fortunes in Business he was a beggar, half starved
beggar. He had a strong will & high aspirations. He
improved his mind & became a Methodist preacher.
He rebelled against their ecclesiastical tyranny
and cut the connexion. He then set up as an independ-
ent Reformer - an intellect of practical rather
than of doctrine - a preacher of practical righteousness &

apostolical simplicity. He gained ~~many~~ adherents, particularly among the poor - and many of the Methodist churches, were emptied of their occupants who thronged to hear him. Elizabeth Pease was a great friend of his - and she supplied him liberally with the means of pursuing his views. At length he saw farther (or thought he did) - and turned heterodox and theobolts and all his orthodox friends left him. Now he is taken by the hand by the Unitarians - at least by a great many of them, for he fights the same of them. This is a sort of Unitarian Theodora Parker. He is feeble, unimpassioned, an enemy to all pretensions, obscurity, & wickedness. This is a fine fellow. He has a broad Yorkshire accent, and is a first rate Plain Speaker. He writes in immensely and preaches in unmercifully. He is a staunch Abolitionist and Peace man. He is Anti Slavery too but did not know much about it. At least I think he does not, compared with what he has learned from me, ~~within~~ the last 3 days which he has spent with me. He returned home to day. I spent the time in cravering him, & I flatter myself he has given him a staunch abolitionist of the former stamp. Besides being a preacher & a writer, he is a printer, and he has got a Steam press to help him to forward to his views.

4) It was lately presented to him by a public subscription
the scheme of payment for his preaching, and he
prints in order to promulgate books for the people and
whatsoever he makes is spent in charity work. He is against
accumulation for selfish aggrandizement and thinks
that money making for the promotion of children in
the world is anti Christian. His character I believe
to be irreproachable and yet he is deservedly labelled
and abused by the enraged priests that he opposes
and exposes. He has a horror of the clergy part
of the Methodists, of whom he knows best.

I anticipate good things from his activities. He
is most anxious to see Garrison & I know Garrison
wants to see him. I write to J. today earnestly
entreaty him to make a point to call upon Bush
for I don't know a man in England whom it
would be more important to enlist heartily in
the cause. He has great influence in the home
of England among the poorer classes & is highly
thought of by a majority of the Unitarian clergy
here. James Haughton met him ~~last~~
yesterday for the first time, at my house &
we had a fine evening. Oh! Mr Chapman, James
Haughton is a jewel, an incomparable and as
poor as a dew drop tho' not so evanescent.

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Who is Henry Ireland - I have a probability but not about them where to find his...

I was anxious to take you of Joseph Ruckey for one
percent I think him quite a prize. I asked
him to write for the book - I think he will be
one who can write freely & well. He has a homely
heart, Cobbold like simplicity & force of style.

On my return from London, I rec'd the Liberator
containing the account of Garrison's meeting with the
Colored Deputation & liked it so much that I printed
some copies. I have been carefully scanning them
every where that Garrison was likely to be in order
to show that a man like I think ^{it is a good} way of
maintaining an Anti Slavery interest in people's minds
is by exhibiting their sympathies & beliefs of its more
distinguished advocates - to spread up Garrison
right and left. He seems to be talked of for he is not
made a fool of, & I was rejoiced when in London to
find how sensible he is that celebrity in itself
is not a good thing, sectarian, party bounded, &
limited. The great use of this book is not known
nor heard of by my next door neighbors. The
book works for a name better for a silly shadow. I
know that Garrison is not one of these. If I thought
he was, I could not have loved him as I do. He
seems to be ~~unlimited~~, I think he might be deemed
a truly great man ~~by his~~ by his ~~output~~ output. I mean great
with his brother - great within mental limits.

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on the 4th following, Thompson & Douglas meant to
lecture in Birmingham and I think they look
to spending the 6th at Leithside with Harriet
Martineau and then going to Scotland. It is
times they should. Considering that they lectured in
Scotland for so long, for the first time
I hope he will make a fine stay in Scotland. As
any rate his visit into the food & they I am sure of.
I rely greatly upon the Unitarians - the fresh &
most energetic minds in turning them - they are
not afraid but away, both of wind will overthrow
them doxy.

Will you oblige me by sending the name of
Miss Fair, Quaker Street School, Dublin - and of
Miss Moore, Quay, Waterford, for the Standard
and for the Liberator.

Joseph Barker, Wortley, near Leeds, England. He
will take 2 copies of the Liberator and also 1 of
the Standard.

Perhaps you would direct his 2 Lib. to be
put under 1 cover. It may save some postage.

He may lead to Quincy I give the names of the
Rev. Dr. Hutton, London. ~~He should be~~ for the Liberator.
It should be Rev. Dr. Hutton, 5, Hamilton Place, Kings Cross,
London

Mass Moore is a cousin of my own, whom I have
pressed into the service in Waterford. Marie Waring
lives in Waterford too, but is not so unrespectably known,
and I think my cousin takes the dignity of being a
receiver for the Bazaar, and she always gives her-
self. I send his name for the Free Lute on the
principle of venturing a sprat to catch a Salmon -
Waterford you must know is quite famous for its sprats.

I am greatly charmed with George Thompson & a
hundred others. So magnanimous - so simple - so powerful
Garrison is moved to the rock of principle. Thompson
is not. He is impulsive and he may be led or lured
astray - but his heart is good & his emotions are
noble - a thousand fathers he should give for astray
if he had amongst you in Boston - if he belonged to
Lopez's abhorred "board", where could his labors be seen?

I like you too - Henry Colver is a marvellous
pious man - the more I see of him & I have almost
turned my eye into a microscope in my examination
of his character - the better he bears to be known.
Long life to him. He comes here on the 9th or 10th
and spends the rest of his stay with us. We shall
feel lonely when he thinks that the Atlantic rolls
between us.
I sent on all your letters - & Miss Edgeworth's letter
the day they came. I also sent her Liberty Bells, ^{some tracts.}

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You ask me to write for the Pole. Well now, I wonder
at you. I am sure you know what I can write, and
that I can write either essays or stories, or any thing
but a rambling, so-so, puffing letter that is read and
thrown on one side like a plan of horse water.
I have no profundity, no epigrammatic power. I
can write either prose or verse. When I was
young I put down rhymes together with great
effort, but I have given up trying for I have had the
divine affliction to suffer me. I am greatly hindered
at 62 - hindered by the weather. If you will take me
what I can write I will do it for you know that if
I would please any ^{one} woman in America I
belong to ^{all} the rest, you are the one. But I
can't I feel very low and stupid when I compare
myself with you Boston Bowed people. I admire
my inferiority and am content to do so. I don't ask
me to bow and protest it, and prostrate it to the
world.

Did you see "Another Ten Cent Rebellion" (a Step at
you for refusing to carry Clapps Pipes) in the Christian
Citizen. I am sure that Barrett's feelings towards you
will not be rendered more cordial by his partying of people
stupid, bores, & hospitality. I wish it were possible
to better every. Why should you exhibit your magnanimity
by carrying Bowie knives intended for your own bosom? I can't see.

The following Monday we had a sort of open committee
at one of the rooms of the Union Church. We sat
from 10 in the morning till 11 at night with about 17
hours interruption. It was entirely by interest. The
subject was the League. What it will come to I don't
know. It is easier to form a League than to carry it
on. You need have money & ability. However
if this effort do us more than what I aimed at,
to bring people together, & make them acquainted with
those who feel with them for the Am. Party, I shall
be satisfied. I know good work to be done. Great work
has been done in Bedford by Douglas & his club
I can hear the tables ^{are} quite turned on New Broad St.
I think we shall go on slowly at first - but the
ball will I hope roll into an Avon side. Anti
Slavery of the true stamp will be tested in by degrees.
I find nearly all my duplicates of A. S. Literature
to Parker - I would not be surprised if he could furnish
print some of them. Brother Lloyd of New York - Am. Party in it -
Despotism in America - Liberty Bells - Mrs Childs & Co
prints. If you can any more stray copies of these books
I think you will make a safe investment ~~some~~
in the way run by Lundy, see a few. I suppose
J. N. Buffum is in glory. As H. C. W. often says.
I want to say that Quincy will greatly oblige his
than the undersigned. I don't know any of
my contributors for the Standard he would draw his
pen and say they peculiarly absurd and ridiculous - for
you know the very wisest might say a silly thing in haste

The last Sunday I spent in London was chiefly passed at
the Noverts with Garrison, Douglas & Maria Waring. They
have a beautiful old house, light airy, clean and, & tastefully
furnished with all the appearance of great competence.
I should think that less than 5000 dollars a year could
not support their style of living. William Chad Knison in
Dublin. I paid him a good deal of attention when he was
here - I had him feasted and carried about by those to
whom I introduced him - for my family were so much
fined town & I was keeping bachelor house, as I generally
(or indeed always) do in summer. The end of it all was
that he expressed himself very warmly in return &
wrote me to make his house my home if I went to
London. ^{This I did not do} When I sent my card of Garrison on
arriving in the great city, Mary Novert sent me a
kind invitation & put me in a great pinch of
flood by saying that there was no room the house
more than Garrison myself. Did you wonder my heart
is not turned? But no - it is quite straight, I assure
you. God I know I have attained to this elevation in
his esteem by my civility to his house, which Garrison
is only an abatement. At any rate we went, & found
her a very charming, unassuming woman. I would have
been known that she was an authoress of great & deserved
celebrity. I was fairly wrapped in Elysium with these
- though rather an awkward unpolished body, I felt
quite at my ease. She was so made comfortable.
Frederick sang one or two of his best songs. Garrison
enlarged on the Constitution & Religion of Uncle Sam,
my tent looked pleased & quiet & serene (for this is a
terrible scrutineer with his eyes) (I was in the 7th heaven

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