

\*  
Leicester, Massachusetts, 30<sup>th</sup> March  
1846.

My dear Miss Carpenter,

By the last mail Steamship (of March 4<sup>th</sup>) I received your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. (no ship came the middle of Feb., as I presume you supposed - they come only once a month in the winter), and also the parcel containing proof-sheets, in part, of the "Meditations," your note, with one from Mr. Estlin, & several pamphlets, for which you have my best thanks. The Sermon of Dr. Montgomery I have not yet had time to read carefully, but have had some 'snatches' of it.

I thank you for the Magazine of Capital Punishment. As we have a weekly paper on this subject, entitled the "Prisoner's Friend", issued in Boston (to which I & others here subscribe), and which frequently copies from the Glasgow Magazine, you need not be at the pains to send me the latter; for your kind offer to do so, I am truly obliged to you, and under the circumstances should be glad to accept it.

And now as to the reprint, &c. - I will with pleasure do the little that will fall upon me in the matter. As to revising the proof-sheets, at my distance from Boston, it would hardly be a convenient arrangement for me to undertake it; nor is it at all necessary. The press, where I understand it will be printed, the "University Press", at Cambridge, has the most accurate proof-readers, "who insure us" say the publishers "against all mistakes of printers." Still, before the work is finally put to press, I will endeavour to have

\* Mr. Wm. Carpenter, as you direct your letter. We are glad to hear you are well. (No yr. old) but not in the same

an opportunity to inspect ~~it~~ it. Messrs. Crosby and Nichols, of Boston, will undertake the re-printing of the work, and will commence upon it, they say to me, as soon as I deem it advisable. They add, "we presume, however, that there will be no occasion for hurrying the matter, as you will have to await the arrival of another steamer or two before we can get all the copy." (I had informed them ~~that a part~~ <sup>that a part</sup> was <sup>not</sup> received.)

For alterations, or omissions, to which you refer, there will be neither with my consent save those you choose to make. I wish it to be a re-print of your book. I will endeavour that your requests, as to arrangement of pieces, omission of your name, &c. be attended to strictly.

Doubtless you intend, (though you do not say so) to send forward the remaining proof-sheets, as soon as they are ready. Those sent reach from pp. 1 to 144 inclusive, bringing the work through Sunday Evening of the Fourth Week, — beside the M<sup>th</sup>. viz. 2 Prayers, Meditation on Lord's Supper, The Saviour's Promise "Lo! I am with you (with the poetry to follow), and 3 Poetical pieces for different places.

What is now wanted ~~are~~, all after p. 144 (or the close of the above-named evening) the Dedication, Preface, and Index. When they are sent, it would be best to send directly to Messrs. Crosby & Nichols, Bookeller, Boston. Should you not have proof-sheets of the 2<sup>d</sup> Edition ready, you could send the sheets, if any remain unbound, of the first — or, failing these, a bound copy of the first edition. If, however, any of

these have been sent to Boston, for sale, a copy  
could be procured there. You spoke of  
having <sup>sent</sup> six copies of the "Meditations", for  
the Antislavery Fair, and not seeing them  
acknowledged. - I did not see them at the Book  
Table of the Fair, which I repeatedly visited and  
looked over its valuable & beautiful things. I will  
make some inquiry about them, when I am next  
in Boston. I remember seeing some pamphlets, Sermons  
of Mr. James's on the table.

I am much pleased to find that you retain  
so agreeable a recollection of that Sunday when Mr. James,  
my brother, <sup>first</sup> called upon you, when I first became  
acquainted with you, and shared your Sunday dinner.  
And I assure you it brought some thankful emotions <sup>to</sup> my  
heart to read you words that that visit to B. had been  
"the means of exciting in you all so much additional  
interest in the great cause", of Freedom to the oppressed.  
Indeed, I could not but thank God, who had employed  
an agent so humble to do a work so good & great.  
I have often thought, with something of wonder, upon the  
fact that, carrying as I did not a single letter of introduction  
to any one in Bristol, & having many to other places, yet  
Bristol should be the spot where my closest intimacies  
and friendships were to be formed. May they be eternal!  
- I well remember the pleasant Saturday afternoon, early  
in July, of <sup>our</sup> arrival in Bristol from the banks of the Wye.  
After finding a Hotel, one of the first things we did was to  
obtain a pocket map of the city and, by its help, find Lewis's  
Head, and its Chapel. The next morning we, two strangers  
in a strange land, went again to that Chapel, and asked ~~if~~  
~~if~~ if we could have seats for the day, which were at once  
provided. We heard a sermon from Mr. Armstrong, which  
with the other services impelled me to seek his acquaintance



Miss Mary Carpenter,

Great George Street,

Bristol.

and at the close of the service, without waiting for much deliberation, I did so. He introduced me to Mr. James, and the rest you know. Right well should I like to visit Bristol again, and see once more my excellent & kind friends. —

You speak of your sister Anna's not having a personal acquaintance with me. I must take leave to correct that. I have not forgotten her ~~for~~ kind reception of me at Stand, and her friendly & persevering efforts to obtain a ride for me to Bath the coach having passed full. With respects to herself to your Mother, and I remain, Yrs. truly, F. Ma

\* Mr. Mess. Bristol, as you shall your letter. We are glad to have news in fact (1846) you will be that in name