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Roxbury, March 7, 1877

Dear Mrs Chapman:

The two precious volumes of H. M.'s "Autobiography," &c., - your friendly gift, - have been sent to me by Osgood & Co., in accordance with your instructions to them. They will always be doubly valuable to me on account of the giver.

Doubtless you will see (through the medium of the publishers or otherwise) what the press has to say about the work. How few among those who will assume or presume to review it will be competent to the task! The real strength of intellect, greatness of character, and universally uplifting of purpose of Miss Martineau can be proximately measured and appreciated only by such as are "to the manner born."

Extended notices have appeared in the Globe, Transcript, and Daily Advertiser. Those in the two latter journals are characteristically superficial and destructive, reflecting the spirit of Beacon Street in earlier days, which is but very slightly changed to-day.

The most bitter criticisms, however, will probably be made by the so-called religious press. H. M. dared to think, speak and act, pertaining to religious speculations and theological dogmas, as her reason and conscience dictated; and what is a noble life, consecrated to the service of mankind, weighed in the balance against such heretical non-conformity?

I am glad to learn that the work is selling rapidly, notwithstanding its cost - will preclude multitudes from buying it, who would rejoice



to be able to possess it.

Your deeply indebted friend,
Wm Lloyd Garrison.

Mrs Maria W. Chapman,
30 Washington Square, West,
New York City.



To Mr. Chapman
Mar. 7. 1877.