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Dear Friend May.

Your note enclosed to
this letter reached us here on Tuesday
the 26th I am at Mr. Thaugham's, (Mr.
Bishop's father in law) & this letter
is of the Wickhams on the other
side of the town. but I was over
there when the letters came. Your
letters always meet a hearty wel-
come. I am glad you saw my ar-
ticle in the Enquirer & that you ap-
prove of it. It has come back to
me this week, in the Liberator.
I have one to appear in the Octo-
ber Advocate & shall connect
with it at least two more if
my stay is long enough. I have
also one which I by this time
should be in the hands of the
flowers of the U.S. Bogle. I do not
write much for the American
papers, because to write for
the public, one should bestow
more labor than would be
profitable for me to expend now
when I am compelled to husband

My energies. And besides, the
writing her, private, & for publica-
tion, is enough for me, & is proba-
bly of more importance.
I have spent ~~some~~ my time her
two days or more of it at Prof.
Nichols. The meeting of the
Irish Association gave me
an opportunity to see a good deal
my eminent men. And the change
of season from summer to
autumn, has had its usual effect
upon me, so that I have only been
fit to observe the labors of others.
Andrew Paton perseveres with his
Sunday Steamer Interpret. The
results are not yet very appa-
rent. But having many secret
friends, besides a goodly number
of open ones, he will be able to carry
on the design, & it will at last be
found to have been one of the no-
blest assertions of religious lib-
erty since the reign of Episcopa-
cy was established. Scotland has
been the most profligate & most
pious country on the globe, for 150 years.

Ministers could pray the longest
and preach the longest sermons,
take the most snuff & drink the
most whiskey, of any ever known.

Members & deacons could be the
devoutest on Sunday & the drunkest
during the week, of any sinners
whomsey set up its throne. Babes
that Willie must have had as
many children & descendants as
any of the gods in the Heedoo that
the inevitable result of the New
Age of Theology & the Covenant.

But now a wonderful change
is in progress. Intemperance is
disappearing in this County much
faster than in England or Ireland
& Edinburgh but more & better Tem-
perance Hotels than any place
I have ever seen. And the very
Church itself seems not to have
sinned away its day of grace. And
there is even hope that among
the ministers, there will be at
perhaps half after the eleven
hour, be a permanent salu-
ed. Though this full stretch con-
vey to its full capacity.

But I was speaking of my own affairs.
We had a fine little party one evening
at the Nichol's - perhaps you may see
notice of it. Then I spoke on a Sunday
morning for Rev. Mr. Groskey. It was
called preaching. The text was John
9: 29th. Considering 1st the persons speak-
ing, 2nd him of whom they spoke
& 3rd the character & spirit of what
they said of him = the whole making
a basis for some remarks on the pro-
gressive & conservative elements
in human society. I am to give
a meeting of the Edinburgh A. S.
Committee tomorrow evening
at the Wighams; & on Sunday
evening Oct. 2nd we have a pub-
lic lecture in one of the churches
of the city. I have also meetings
arranged at Newcastle on Tyne, Leeds,
Bolton, & one or two other places.
It is rather forced work, for the
WK since the taking of Lebas-
hol, is more engrossing than
ever. It is an infernal affair
at best - & I can hardly wish suc-
cess to either side. Nor are there
yet any signs of a termination

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How glad Spain is getting into the
alliance, although perhaps Cuba
may be secured after all. But
if this should be the result, it will
show, [what you & I probably know
well enough already] that the
British Government calls no
trouble about slavery & Liberty than
our slaveholders. As for Hungary

Poland it is clear that they have
nothing to hope for. The war will per-
haps destroy some of the weaker na-
tions. But it will rescue or re-
store none of them. Southey will
get his full desert. I have tried
to get a copy of a private letter
of his to Rev. Mr. Amstrong written
I believe last June. but Mr. A. is a-
band to let me have it without a
positive pledge to secrecy. I will
say however that it is one of the
meanest & vilest attacks upon
American & British Abolition-
ists you ever saw. well worthy
to be in the New York Observer or
the Herald. You shall see
some of it yet, if the thing be
possible.

Of Miss Julia Griffiths' movements
know nothing new. Mr. Richardson
Newcastle send her a letter con-
vouch to have frozen up the whole
fleet of Sir John Franklin. You may
be very sure she will not visit there.
The Jennings' at Cork say they hope she
won't come there either. She loves
no body yet so well as Dr. Blampfield.
You see she compares him to John
Frost. But she may have to
spell the name John Frost's yet
for I do not believe she will make
the doctor see in Frd. Douglass
quite "all the fulness of the godhead
bodily" and nothing less will do at all.
I hope you will have an eye to Toronto and
Dr. Willis, who is now in Scotland, and
who endeavored last year to convince
Dr. Nichol of Garrison's infidelity. You
should also see the Toronto Report
& what they do with their funds.
I think of nothing more with which
to trouble you. Remember me most
affectionately to all the F. C. W. but especially
to Mr. Jackson, for whose health I ever pray
& believe me your own & your family's
Most devoted friend

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