

Leicester, Mass^{ts}, July 1. 1859.

Dear friend Richard Webb,

Your note of 16th June reached me yesterday - 13 days, Dublin to Leicester, via Liverpool & Halifax, is not bad, and is new proof what a "wonderful age we live in". I have also to acknowledge two others from you, of recent date, one of June 10th - rec^d. 22^d (12 days!) - and one of June 3^d, via Ohio, rec^d. June 27th - Thank you for all.

The Standard for Mr. Shackleton was duly ordered, and will speedily report for itself, I hope. - Mary Estlin's Liberator is stopped, I am sorry for it, - while I am sure her friendliness for the paper will not cease, & she will help it, as she can. She says she has not "the physical or mental capacity for newspaper reading," &c. and leaves us to send her copy to some American reader.

Now I must again recur (this is ~~not~~ to be quiet between Leic^r & Dublin eyes, you know,) to your Acc^t. with Mary Estlin; for that does not yet, - pray forgive my pertinacity, - stand right, if I correctly understand all the papers in the case. On your List (of Liberator subscribers & payments) sent in yours ^{note} of June 10th, Mary Estlin's name stands first, and you say in it that "W. Wallcut's list, sent to you, admits a payment of hers for 1858". Now this is just the point on which the original application to you arose. Her payment for 1858 has never been made to me, nor (consequently) to R. F. Wallcut ^{for the Liberator;} nor has the Standard rec^d. any payment from her since No. 916 (which is the No. for Jan^y. 2. 1858). To make quite sure, I have written again to both offices, and such is the report from both. My

Great sympathy in both here in the Anti-Slavery Cause. The Rev. Mr. P. Thompson is at work again. Prayers, "our friends". With regards to Wm. Hall. Truly yours, Saml. May Jr.

rate she has been accustomed to pay, viz^t. \$3. for each. — Wallcut laments that we had never thought to put Mary E.'s name upon the free list, & thus save her all the care & thought of transmitting subscriptions. But I do not think she would have consented to receive it so; nor is there any reason for doing it, more than exists in the case of several others of our most self-sacrificing & disinterested friends abroad, who are also, like her, giving time, thought, labor, & money to the Anti-Slavery Cause, "without hope of reward", in any worldly sense. — Let me hear again from you, at your convenience, on the subject, — that I may know the thing is settled, and (as I trust will be the case) understood alike on both sides.

As to the balance in my hands, due to you, it stands just as I reported. I see no ground, or reason, for making it less, — or otherwise; and you are to consider, in making any remittance, that you have just so much now in my hands. And that does not include "Advocate" money for the year Oct. '58 to Oct. '59, — more than half of which I have got, & wait till all is rec^d. before I enter it on my acc^t. with you.

The parcel of Reports went a month ^{ago} — addressed according to your instructions to City of Dublin Co's Care, in Liverpool. I now understand you to revoke that "general order", and to restore the name of Mr. Graves as your L'pool agent. Am I right? Should you like 25, or 50, (or even more) of the Ann. Society's Reports, we could send them as well as not. We want you to have, of them, what you think you can turn to good account.

There was a likeness of C. F. Hovey, taken during his late illness. It is deemed excellent, by many persons

of all to see a Buonaparte portrait set up there - But it looks like that now - I do not believe
one word that Louis Napoleon says - but, I admit, he talks well - - Victor Emmanuel & Garibaldi are doing well!

I think it very like him indeed, yet failing to do justice to the expression of intellect and thought which his face, in health, wore. It represents the face a rather unnaturally full. But it is esteemed a good thing to have so good a likeness of him. Now, if you say, send it, I will do so with pleasure. The cost the photograph will be about 5/ or 6/ sterling; - I do not remember the exact price.

I said nothing to you of my son Edward because we had heard nothing. Indeed, it is not yet time to hear of his arrival out; but the time draws near. The middle of July is the time I've had fixed upon, but the owner the ship says we ought not to expect a letter before August 1st. - A letter came from him, however, to our great surprise, about ~~a fortnight~~ ^{3 weeks} ago. It was a sort of 'log' of his voyage for the first 5 weeks at sea. He was, at its closing, about 2 or 3 degrees South of the Equator and the letter (on the 12th March) was put on board a passing vessel. There was an unaccountable delay (of 3 months) in its reaching us. It was a very pleasant letter and he had been well & contented up to that time. I hope to be able to send you further good accounts of him soon.

Thank you for what you tell of Anne Weston. My Cousin, Saml. J. May, is to arrive in London about this time. We hope he will be able to give a little time to England, &c. but it is not yet known what he can do. It will be too bad if he comes home without speaking publicly, on Slavery, &c., in England. - Theo. Parker will not be to Ireland at present, nor travel at all in Gr. Britain, I presume. He is not fit to see people, nor to do any mental labour.

Yes. I do hope the French will drive the Austrians out of Italy, provided that, then, they take them selves out, - not to mention I have no wish to see Austrian masters exchanged for French, &c.

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