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Dear Friend May,

I sent you a note last week from Belfast in one from the Mills to their friends in New York. Since then, we have seen the new postal regulation which compels pre-payment. I hope that will not prevent your receiving the note, though I should not have sent it, had I known of the new law. Mr. Alabaster ~~has~~ received the "Wharton Report" of the London Conference, just in time to notice it in the Advocate for May. Had he done notice at very well, but not half so thoroughly as it deserves. There never was a viler caricature of a conference or convention than was this, taking its subjects, measures, proceedings and publication, in to account. That New World Street should do as it has done, or do any thing, (except right) is not strange.

But that our old friend Thompson
can see so much diabolism as
has been practiced, and not rebuke
it, is a phenomenon to be won-
dered at. Indeed he has con-
demned it all. The Empire has done no
more justice to the American af-
fects of the Conference than has
the "Verbatim Report" or the
"Anti-Slavery Reporter". All have
kept wholly out of sight, the
Lady Delegates, and all my speech
about them, about New Wood-
stock & Lowell, ^{except a bare abstract,} the Boston Ba-
Zam, and those Quakers to the
down who so studiously cooper-
ate with Douglass & others
to bring it in to contempt. On
all these topics, I spoke at length,
as you would see by Dr. Campbell's
report in the British Museum,
and which Douglass copied -
though only a part of them are
alluded to in the Advocate for
the reason that we kept in
mind its scanty columns -
Dr. Campbell gave a far better ac-
count of what I said, than was given

in any other paper in London.
If George Thompson had no
word of rebuke for this last
outrage, then he has surely
gone to the "Old Broad Way" we
read of, as well as to the New
Broad Street ^{in London,} both of which lead
to death. And no occasional
puffing of the Liberator, Nation
al Era, & Matthias Wyley will
improve him in my estima-
tion. I hope you will have
this "rebuttal report" sent to
the office for you should see
the mouse which has been
loated from the mountain
with such solemn glooms
& infinite labor.

Did I tell you that the
Glasgow newly organized Society
had sent Mrs. Stone wholly out
of their late Annual Report?
So much for her attendance
at the Boston Bazaar. That
was the Society which we
visited here to St. Peter's
and made their their present
our guest - so peculiar

at that while she was in glut
to you she was an inaccessible
to mortals like the Satyr & others
who act with us, as though they
it had seated her at the top of Olympus
deus. And they ever treated some
as who did call with absolute
in rudeness - so much so that the
Satyr & some others made no at-
tempt to speak with her at all.

But now the tutelary
are turned - Their Divinity has
shown herself mortal too by
operating in a Bazaar, which
the Society would no more as-
sist, than they would have aided
the good Samaritan in his labor
of love, or the Galilee fisherman
in casting out devils among the Gen-
tiles.

Here in Ireland the Cause
is in a sad state. Poor Webb
seems almost out of heart. The
war too adds enormously to the tax-
ation & just now with every pros-
pect of being of long continuance.
The failure of the Vienna Confer-
ence to effect a Peace, the want
of any efficiency in the officers of

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the British army the slow or
rather absolutely no progress of
the allies upon Sebastopol to-
gether with the idolatrous
homage which the nation
has just been paying to the Em-
peror of France during his
visit, notwithstanding that his
Royal Robes have been heavy with
innocent blood. Still in the
course of all these things
together, have a most distress-
ing effect upon every person
of higher hope & livelier faith
than our noble friend Webb.
And besides there is one
most active influential and
able woman here who once
lived in Belfast, a perfect
prell of a being, and has
long espoused the cause of Doug-
lass. She is pouring her views
in all directions & working
most incalculable mischief. As
Miss Weston will remember
her name well. Her name is
Mrs. Webb wife of Mr. Webb
a near relative to Richard Allen.

And it is painful to find that even
Lieber & Allen is not by any
means proof against her wiles. She
it was who procured from her
the fine contribution to the Rock
ten that span so crowded over
by Julia Griffiths. And he had
deduced his contribution to our
Bureau to £5, instead of $\frac{7}{10}$ as
heretofore, & 10 even sometimes
when she was not as now, one of
the wealthiest tradesmen in the
land without child in the world to
on to be born.

In Belfast too, I saw the
shrine of that creature, as you can
sometimes track a reptile on the
ground in a wet morning. The
abolitionists there voted through
means, to send one year to Boston
& the next to Rochester. This year
is for the latter place. And last
year, the contribution was small
and was unfortunately lost in Liverpool
pool - We have Mr. Powell on the
look out for it - and I shall go over
there in a few days - so that possibly
we may find it. At a Committee

meeting there last week
Miss Ireland introduced the
subject, and we gave Doug-
lass a pretty thorough in-
vestigation. Now, any one there
will aid him, I don't only
say he or she is worthy of just
such company as Douglas & Julia
Giffiths and we had far better
dispense with them.

Cork too is all divided
on the same subject, and
perhaps by the same threads. I
have to move as on, both of us
see - because you know it will
not do to appear partisan in
the least - and the few funds
we have, must be applied
to the subject themselves, because
they say now they are able to obtain
some assistance even from
the most bigoted - and they fear
that should controversy & clamor
be raised, there would be an
end to all their efforts. And
Stephen Foster will assure you that
it is hard to drive me into disputes
unless there be real need of them.

It is wonderful how few are
found in any one place to go forward
in the war. N. York will bring
from Bristol, the Ladies from Glas-
gow, the W. M. from Dublin, Miss
Wigham from Edinburgh, two or three
ladies from Manchester & Mrs. Mas-
sie from London & it is hardly
difficult to predict the sad conse-
quences that would result to us.
It is far worse here than in Amer-
ica & you know how important
are the Spooners, the Fords, the
Graves, the Halmans & others, to
the towns in which they respectively
reside. And to ^{do} good here under such
circumstances, and to avoid doing
evil, is to navigate between Scylla and
Charybdis in a way scarcely known
to Anti-Slavery Seaman'ship.

That Manchester debt for
the August Conference is not
yet paid - Chesser I am sorry
to say, has not been quite honor-
able in the transaction - But as
no one else has really complained
of him, so neither will I. It is very
sad to have to look for him in the society
and sympathy of Joseph Sturge & that set

but it is there ³ now and there only
that either he or George Thompson
is to be found - and to ^{go} there
after them, is what I rejoice
to believe is not my duty to do.

Miss New had a meeting
in Dublin yet - probably near
Chalk - Miss Abington is good
it gold to us but is wholly
absorbed in the Maine Signon
the Quetton - Richard Allen
lives out of town six miles
and is buried in business, ab-
solutely in the Peace Cause &
reasoned somewhat by bited
from the suspect of bigotry and
Anti-Slavery.

Of course
you will see as well as I how
useful it is that some of my
communications only reach the
right ears. The letters that
pass through my wife's hands at
Concord, but you may be sure
they will be safe in her keep-
ing. It is therefore safe for
me to write unsunderly any
thing which it is important
for you to know.

just now Elisha Ballitt has sprang
up in a new growth. Mrs
Richardson has fathered her Free La-
bor bawling upon him, and he
has put it to suckle upon all the
thousand "Olive Leaf Circles" that owe
their existence to him in various
parts of the British Empire. I will
enclose a little cold ~~card~~ he is having
inserted in all the newspapers
which will give it room
to show immense preparation
making for this new demonstra-
tion in the name of Anti Slavery.
All the "Friends of Negro Emancipation"
are required and expected to bring
their offerings. Poor Anti Slavery! how
many hasten to its unfortunate days
of days who have gone out from it
& betrayed it, are bringing home
to be supported.

This Free Labor Bazaar
promises to be a gorgeous affair.
The circular says it "will be held, with
distinguished patronage, in Willis' Hall
St. Mary! St. London". I saw last
evening, a contribution to it in the
form of an embroidered velvet cover

for an immense sofa, that
exceeded in magnificence any-
thing of the kind I ever saw be-
fore - In a London Furniture
Warehouse I am sure it would
be valued at forty pounds at
least. The embroidery was
done by eighteen different La-
dies, every one with a needle
almost bewitched.

The Free Labor Movement is
a bad bawling one here. And
yet a gentleman told me in
Liverpool that the deception prac-
ticed is immense - He said
"The Free Cotton, so called, from
the U. States, most of it, passed through
our hands. And though professing to come
from all parts of the Cotton District
a little here & a little there as the
Labor is used, you would be sur-
prised to see how ^{almost} exactly alike
it all is -" I give his very words.
And he told me also, that though
the whole amount did not
exceed fifty bales a year, yet there
were houses in Manchester that
always had enough to supply the

demand - nearly starved" You
Lahon goods. And he said too
that he knew of at least one
firm that had borrowed their
stamp and marked some of
their own goods in the same
manner.

That you see some
the circumstances that surround
me on every hand. - O had I but
health & strength, how glorious it would
be to pit a paper battle with the
host of pounds & felt heads. - It
a little sapping & mining is about
all I can do.

My health feels the good effect
of Spring weather - But the pain
in my side, the quivering in the head
& ringing in the ears still haunt me
on every wet day, & in every east wind.
I ask for pretty well; & much of the time
feel so - But my friends are very cautious
of me yet - more so than I am disposed
for myself -

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