

Boston, April 26. 1853.

Dear Mr Estlin;

Since I wrote to you, a fortnight since, giving the sketch of the Am. Unitarians, one or two facts have occurred to me, of which you may perhaps make use:—

1. That Dr. Channing's church was refused for an Eulogy on Rev. Dr. Follen, to be given by Saul J. May — two of the mildest, purest, best-tempered men in the world; — & both special favourites of Dr. Channing — both ardent & unquestioned Unitarians. Anti-slavery was the sole difficulty.
2. Samuel A. Eliot, the only Massachusetts man in Congress who voted for the Fugitive Slave Law — (the only N. England Whig who voted for it) — ~~and~~ was & is a Unitarian — a prominent one — in fact the leading member of King's Chapel Church in Boston, formerly Dr. Greenwood's, now Dr. Ephraim Peabody's; — & continues to hold his place in that Church, & in the denomination, just as before; — without rebuke. Mr. E. is the same who compiled the biography of Father Henson! — think of aiding a fugitive slave (as he did Jonah Henson) — harboring & encouraging him, writing his life & promoting his objects — & then voting for the Fugitive Slave Law! — Say — doesn't it take an American to rise above all consistency, decency, sense of shame; — or, peradventure, fall below them all?

I wish too to trouble you for another copy of those resolutions, passed at Utica, in favour of E. Matthews. My purpose to make an immediate publication of the

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fact in that case was utterly defeated by Mr. Garrison's losing those res^{ns}! I carefully handed them to him, and requested an immediate publication. That week he could not, but would the next - a 2^d time, they were crowded out; and, in following the matter close up, the 3^d week, it turned out that the res^{ns}. could not be found, - either at the Printing Office, or his house! Truly trying. Meanwhile, Mr. G. had been removing his family from one house to another - a distance of a mile - and, it was doubtless owing to the attendant confusion that they, & other things, were lost. - He lost, at same time, the copy of Mr. Squire's letter (what a letter for a man of sense to write, & then publish!) which I had given him. - I was however able to replace that; the "Christian Register", true to its sympathies, published, with evident satisfaction, Mr. Squire's letter. Three weeks have elapsed and they have not yet given Mr. Bishop's. I can hardly think they ^{intend to} will withhold it. I shall jog their memory, in this week's Liberator. - Mr. Garrison went, 2 weeks since, to Ohio, to attend the Cincinnati Convention, - where his presence will be, I doubt not, of great effect. - The making up of the Lib. is thus thrown into the hands of Mr. Quincy & myself very much, - tho' Mr. G. left a heap of selected matter. - I have availed myself of the opportunity to get upon the first page of this week's paper, Messrs. Squire's & Bishop's letters, the Address of the B. & F. A. S. Socy to the Churches, & Mr. Chepman's late article in the Banner. - I wished also to get in your comments on Squire, & the Inquirer's late Editorial (in part) on our Pres'd's Inaugural Address; but it could not be. The Mann & Phillips controversy occupies much space; but it is opening many eyes,

and doing much good among reflecting men. —

You will perhaps wonder to hear that Caroline Weston, with her Sister Lucia, & her eldest brother Warren, are to leave for Europe next week; taking the Steamship Humboldt for Havre, on Saturday May 4th. Lucia has been very ill since the fair. A severe cold at that time brought on Neuralgia, and afterwards Rheumatism, with some Heart-affection. Mr. Warren Weston has been a great invalid for some two years. Their health is the leading consideration in the voyage & tour. Caroline goes "as nurse and general care-taker" — as Anne writes me. — They will join their friends in Paris at once, of course. I hope Lucia & her brother may be restored to health. L. is a very spirited and efficient girl — less personally attractive (at least to me) than Anne or Emma or Deborah, — but invaluable at the Bazaar; ^{the business of a fair} Of course one hopes that they will all fall in your way, & your daughter's, in good time. —

I hope my notices of the B. & F. Reporter, & of the April Advocate, in last Liberator, met your approval. — I assure you I feel a real pleasure, and a personal interest, in your management of the English field — (English farmers are famous for drawing straight furrows, & cultivating their land with great precision & method) — and in the success which has attended your various measures. We have about 25 subscribers for the Advocate in this vicinity. — We hope the proslavery Am^{er}. Ministers (of which quite a flock have gone to England) will be duly noticed by the Reporter, Banner, Morn^g. Advertiser, &c. &c. What the Advocate will do, is not doubtful. — I saw a recent statement that the "London Morn^g. Adv." is the advocate of the Liqueur Interests (Spirits, Malt Liqueurs, &c.) and was to be found in every gin-shop and tap-room all over

England. "Mr. Grant, a Scotchman" was named as the Editor. — Is all this so?

April 27. We have the "Key" to the Cabin at last. — It is, I think fully up to my expectations, if not quite up to my hopes. It will fill a large space & place, & fill it admirably. It will prove a terrible blow to the pro-slavery people. The slaveholders will affect to rave — but they know it's all true. It is the counting Northern editors & priests who will be so horror-struck I want to know what you think of it. — I have not yet found time to read it deliberately through.

One of the editors of the N.Y. Observer — a paper unsuspicious probably unequalled in its devotion to Southern men & interests has been appointed to represent the Am. Bible Soc. at the Ann. Meeting of the B. & F. Bible Soc. in London next month. I hope the advertisement, &c. &c. will expose him. He has ~~endeavoured~~ endeavoured, in every possible way, to break down the influence of Uncle Tom's Cabin. — His name is Prin Rev. Samuel Prime, I think. Mr. & Mrs. Stowe must ~~not~~ know all about him. —

Time to close — With sincere regards
to your daughter, I am

Most truly, Yours

Saml. May, Jr.

Mr. Archbishop & Mr. Spence