

Dublin 19th Augt 1853

Dear Mr. May,

I write to acknowledge your letter, as Richard himself is unwell & not able to do so - indeed he has not yet seen it, being confined to bed for some days with a feverish attack which chiefly affects his head, producing headache, heat of the forehead, & great discomfort - The Dr. enjoins perfect quiet, as little conversation as possible, nothing to excite in any way - your Lake Weeham ice has been a great blessing to us at this time - I keep it constantly under it for cooling the water applied to the head, and a small lump in the mouth proves more refreshing than a draught of water. Our last accounts of Mr. Estlin do not represent him as gaining strength - he is now trying change of air at a friend's house a few miles from Bristol - As you say, the spirit evinced by father Donaghy under this trial is truly beautiful - one may say, holy.

Approved the enclosure for George Thompson im-
mediately; not knowing his present address. Sent
it to the care of W. W. Brown. — What a pity
those little books have been so damaged by the
wet. This an excellent little collection, only needs
to be brought out in a better form. I understand
distinctive name — "The Poetical Instructor" was to be
the current title of a series of little works, of
which this is the 2nd No.

I cannot stay many minutes at a time
out of Richard's room at present; but I hope
he will soon be able to read your letter & reply to
it himself. — Yours truly,
Hannah Webb