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69 High St June 1<sup>st</sup>

Dear Mrs Chapman

'Bitter late than  
never' to thank you for  
your kind gifts of the  
'Shanty bell' and the  
copy of 'Garrison's poems'  
the latter of which I prize  
especially for the sake  
of the poetry as well  
as the story. We rejoiced  
to hear ~~that~~ 'The Fair' <sup>had</sup>  
produced so much  
this year also - I only  
hope that our Irish  
contributions, poor as  
they were, may be as  
good next season - but

it is difficult - well nigh  
impossible to keep alive  
an interest in the minds  
and purses of folk who  
do not read and will  
not learn the facts and  
merits of the anti-slavery  
movement - besides of  
the few here who do  
entertain and take a  
sort of interest in the  
question the most part  
are valid against  
all organization and  
of course are the re-  
presentatives of that  
body in Dublin - are  
in any respect but  
good reports - The wonder  
is that we get any  
contributions at all a  
church hatery - ~~we are~~ but

ting-anti government  
anti sect (some of us)  
Schismatics, <sup>and heretics</sup> and we are

The hints in  
your last letter to  
Richard D. The "lover  
of the Americans"  
as we have dubbed  
him as to what will  
sell best 'over the wa-  
ter' shall be acted  
on so far as we can  
in our future contri-  
butions. but you know  
we must take what  
we can get and be  
thankful. Tho we do  
every year receive some  
trumpery too bad  
for your acceptance  
these we can resign  
when we are pushing  
to a corner being

the sofa called by me  
hot any way. Would  
the people only be per-  
suaded to give us the  
money they expend on  
so many worthless  
articles, <sup>such as</sup> badly made  
toys-dolls and the like  
that "persish with the  
sailing. how much bet-  
ter could we dispose  
it at least we have  
vanity enough to think  
so. ~~How~~ you get a  
stray leaf with <sup>the</sup> signature  
to it - should  
you have an abundance  
of his notes I should  
be very glad and glad  
to get for one of his  
autographs but since  
I only wish under the  
impression that at all

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-cretary to the Anti-Slavery Society you may have had many communications from him but don't take the least trouble about it - & if you had not some want to spare pay don't think of sending one to me.

Mr. Chant sends his new knickerbocker guard. he will <sup>also</sup> send a few lines in this enclosure if he can find time. Is the poor Longfellow an abolitionist - and what sort of a fellow is he? There was a

unconsciously first piece  
of his poetry, in a late  
Liberator on the ~~Ag-~~  
~~enda~~ at Springfield  
written in Whittier's  
best style and spirit  
and very like him - in  
the olden time when  
he was a press man  
which he is not now  
and his writings show  
it. What poor lame  
things are they, compar-  
ed with his former  
spirit-stirring pro-  
ductions. Do you know  
any thing of them or  
Miss Deane's we have  
not heard from  
either for a long while  
we here think you have

make an exchange  
for the worse in  
the relationship of the  
'standard' ~~it~~ never  
think of reading it  
now - it is so 'flat  
& stale - and unprofit-  
table' and also I am  
told political part  
about read it at all  
why does not Mrs  
Child still continue  
her delightful letters  
from New York in it -  
With kind regards  
to "all the Westons &  
Chapmans" believe me  
Dear Mrs L - yours  
very truly  
Amie B. Allen

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