

Dublin, 17th of 11th month 1845

Dear Mrs. Chapman Richard wrote a long letter (for he cannot write short ones to you) and sent it off yesterday to be forwarded by J. W. Bruffum - and now he wishes to send as a sort of postscript the enclosed note which arrived this morning from N. C. Wright. You will see by it that they have forwarded their boxes from Glasgow by the steam boat but at what they conceive considerable sacrifice to the cause by the loss of the interest ~~deposited~~ which might be excited in the minds of those who should be attending to the exhibition of all the pretty things. It seems almost impossible to avoid this hurry in the end, for people will not be aroused until the time draws near, & then some time to work - It is for you to say whether you can give us a little more time, next year, & allow us to send the boxes by the early boat in December. And if not, give us due notice early in the season, that we may inform the ladies, according to Henry's account of the Glasgow box, our little Dublin affair will be poor in comparison - but we hope that with the addition of the Cork & Limerick contributions which you will receive next month, there will be nearly as good value from Ireland on the whole as from Glasgow. That would be about £500 from Ireland & Scotland and perhaps we may reckon England as another 100. -

Now, between ourselves, we should like to know how it is that your net proceeds from the Fair appear to be so small - Money is not the principal thing, I know, that you propose - if you made nothing by the Fair but the expenses, it would still be a valuable auxiliary in arousing and deepening the feeling against slavery in contributors, purchasers, & the community. But you count money too, & I should like ^{you} to win plenty of it for so good a cause. Last year your profits were ^{only} between 5 & 1000, and it was the best year I believe - Now you must either have great expense in getting up the Bazaar, or your native contributors must be very small - Either or on this point, for nobody is better able to do so than thyself. I should like well to be with you in this busy time of preparation; opening, arranging, admiring &c. - and to see your hall & grounds & your pictures - and would not Richard be in glory? - for it is his passion to see great & good people - yes he is able for them & they expand his heart, but they sometimes make me shrink into myself when I feel my own smallness - but this is an unworthy feeling; and if there be any cause calculated to make one forget oneself, one's own littleness or bigness, I throw my heart into it for the good of the race, it is yours (and ours) of Freedom to all.

We had a letter from Frederick today, he means to be with us next Saturday (22nd) and to go to Birmingham next week, & then probably to Bristol. Certainly he seems to be previously invited in Bristol, if the estimate which Mr. Estlin (see his letter which Richard sends) of Bristol invitation, be a correct one - it amazed me - to think of those being no feeling in that great City, in favor of immediate unconditional emancipation. They don't yet know what a man is, it seems, much less what his rights are. Rich wrote a long letter in reply to Mr. Estlin's yesterday, which it is to be hoped will make him a sadder & a wiser man, he is also sending him a copy (our only one) of "Slavery as it is". There is ~~no~~ like it for opening the eyes which are mystified by interested sophistry - consequences generally touch people more closely than perhaps the enunciation of principles, for there is more of the material than the spiritual about us. And Frederick Douglass' talk is the second best at least so it strikes me now, - unless the Westgate Age may challenge competition - but Frederick's is in a more popular form & will catch more readers, and has followed up by being showing himself, I don't see how any one can avoid standing up for immediate emancipation, even if he has been born & raised in the heart of Bristol.

Henry C. Wright is working hard. Three lectures in the day are too many.

Here Hannah is permitted to write her name having been of to see a sick sister in law - so here for her

Hannah Webster

Handwritten text, possibly a signature or address, written in brown ink. The text is partially obscured by a large brown stain.

Vertical handwritten text on the right side of the page, written in brown ink. It appears to be a list or a series of notes.



Spent my brother's tent in equivalent
to the things that he in
to get ready in time.



Prepaid

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