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My dear bro. Wright:

56 I receive your "welcome home" with heart-felt satisfaction. It is impossible for me to find words to convey to you the joy which I feel on finding myself once more on the soil of New-England; for, though my reception abroad has been all that my soul <sup>could</sup> desire, and far more enthusiastic than I had any reason to expect, yet I can truly say, "America, with all thy faults, I love thee still" — better, far better, as a place of residence, than any other land on the surface of the globe. Putting our heaven-defying slave system, and our infernal prejudice against the colored man, out of the question, in all things else appertaining to the intelligence, equality and happiness of the people, Great Britain falls far in the rear of the United States, and her population have many and grievous burdens to ~~be~~ <sup>bear</sup>, which are unknown to the white inhabitants of this highly favored country. + But, alas! slavery and prejudice cannot be put aside, but must be taken into the general account. We have, it is true, no monarchy, no royalty, no nobility — but we have something infinitely more fightful than them all. Americans may boast that "no castled lord" can be found in all their wide-spread territory; but many a "cabin'd slave" clanks his chains, and shows his scars, even by the side of ~~his~~ <sup>their</sup> tall liberty-pole!

How much I desire to see you! I will not attempt to give you even a synopsis of the events which transpired during my brief sojourn in England, Scotland and Ireland — not, at least, until we shall be permitted to see each other, face to face. Let me just assure you, that I regard my mission as one of the most important movements of my life; that every thing looks well for our side of the question <sup>57</sup> across the great waters; that the rejection of the American

female delegation, by the London Convention, and the refusal of Rogers, Remond, Adams, and myself, to become members of the same, have done more to bring up for the consideration of Europe the rights of woman, than could have been accomplished in any other manner; that, wherever we travelled, notwithstanding our contumacious (!) behaviour toward the Convention, we were hailed as the benefactors of our race; that we "sifted into" the minds of those with whom we came in contact, all sorts of "heresies" and "extraneous topics," in relation to Temperance, Non-Resistance, Moral Reform, Human Rights, Holiness, &c. &c.; that we have secured the personal acquaintance and friendship of some of the noblest spirits of the age, who will co-operate with us in all our efforts to subvert the empire of Satan; and that, in due season, the fruits of our mission will be made manifest to all eyes. On the subject of non-resistance, I had very much to say in England, Scotland, and the Emerald Isle; especially in view of the monuments and statues erected in honor of naval and military warriors, and of the numerous castles, and forts, and arsenals, and armed troops, which were every where to be seen. I carried out with me six bound volumes of the Non-Resistant, six copies of the engraved Declaration of Sentiments, and a bundle of non-resistance tracts, all which I distributed in the most judicious manner, and to great acceptance. Some converts were made before our departure, and many minds are laboring with the great question. As the temperance cause is somewhat unpopular in England, and the great mass of abolitionists there are in the daily habit of using wine, porter, and other intoxicating liquors, I said much privately and publicly in favor of total abstinence, and rebuked them faultfully for their criminal indulgence. In short, I did what I could for the redemption of the human race.

Dean Rogers was my companion on all occasions, and assisted me in my labors very materially. He was exceedingly well-received, and has won for himself a good reputation. It is somewhat doubtful whether he will go to New-York; but I think he will not be able to resist our importunities. Indeed, he must go - and greatly will our new organization antagonists tremble on seeing him actually in the editorial chair of the "Standard" - and so will all, who are endeavoring to stop the march of reform through this country and the world.

As to George Thompson, I can say, that he is with us, through evil report and through good report, - for better, for worse, - on the woman question, - on the side of non-resistance, old organization, &c. His speech at the London Convention was unfortunate and incoherent, which he now ridicules, and of which he is ashamed, but which was extorted under peculiar circumstances, and without reflection. "Richard's himself again," and nobly will he do battle for us.

You tell me that since I left, no effort has been spared by Leavitt, Phelps, Goodell, &c. to make my name odious. Very well - it gives me no uneasiness whatever. I compassionate and pity their present state of mind, and dread nothing but the frown of my Saviour, to whose cause I am devoted for life, and for whose sake I am willing to suffer the loss of all things.

I desire you to give my affectionate regards to our true-hearted brother Dr. Hudson, and to accept for yourself the assurances of my unfeigned love and lasting regard. In haste,

Your faithful condisciple,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

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