

Park Street, Aug. 31-1852.

My dearest Mrs Chapman,

There has been a great gap in my correspondence with you. The direct demands of the Cause upon my pen have been too unremitting to allow the indulgence of friendly communications with its advocates; broken there have been communications to make ^{to Paris} it has always been my business to write to some ^{on the business of someone else to write;} body else; but I have presumed upon your comprehending unmerciful nature, & felt persuaded that you considered anything written or spoken to those you love, or in behalf of the Cause that is dear to your heart, as done & said to you. & You have been ever present with me in the manifold

departments of labor which have absorbed my time & thoughts. It is a satisfaction to find a medium for transmitting our Report to you, & your criticisms upon it. Every suggestion for our future guidance will be most thankfully received by us all. I think you will understand, if you do not fully approve, our policy, & I am sure you will think some of us have not been stationary, or that your teachings were thrown away. We have just concluded an amusing little holiday in Ireland, I must get Miss Rye to tell you of our united excursion. It is a great happiness to me to have induced her to come & spend a little time with us, for the personal gain from her Society is very great, &

I know she will prove a most
valuable auxiliary in our A. S.
work. You will have heard about
the "Advocate," how it has been
unavoidably postponed, & how we
hope it will really come out under
favorable auspices in October. Mr
Webb's faith is hardly adequate
to his need in undertaking the
editorship; he seems to think
the effort will be wasted, but out
of consideration to our weakness
he consents to lend his aid in
making an attempt to counteract
falsehood by presenting truth.
We fear the Kazan contributions
will fall short of former times,
judging from present appearances;
but it arises from numerous acci-
dental causes & you will not attri-

^{diminution}
-but to ~~the~~ cooling zeal. Now, ^{that} our
Committee's great fighting is accom-
plished I hope we shall have more
time & scope for applying to this gen-
eral work, & shall show some
fruits before another year comes
round. Miss Carpenter is too much ab-
solved in a Reformatory school scheme to give
any attention to it, & the changes in the
Blind Asylum pupils will cut off the
supply of basket work, & I must check
the energies of Miss Percival &c. &c. But
these ups & downs are of no account in the
end where there is uprightness of purpose & strong
zeal. The Manchester & the Leeds people
write encouragingly of their prospects, &
Lupton sent me the enclosed note to forward
to you a great while ago but as I was
not writing, it did not go, & when next
we communicated (which was from
Dublin) it could not be forwarded.
My companions will I know supply
my deficiencies in public & private intel-

ligence; inclination would prompt
me to write volumes & carry you thro'
all that has been passing around &
within on which we sympathise, but
other things forbid. My Father went
to London on Saturday that he might
see all that was to be seen of Miss Weston;
we have just heard that their first
interview had taken place & they had
appointed a time for going together to
see Mr Scholcher & Mr Thompson.

My Aunt does not feel her strength
adequate to a hurried excursion to London
tho' she grieves not to see dear Miss Weston
again; I shall make an effort to accom-
plish it, as the latter seems wishful
to have a last greeting and to tell me
about her poor friends the O'Reilley's.
If I could secure a real talk with her
it would be worth going a great way

for, but I know the chances are
much against us. Still I may combine
helping my Father in a few preliminary
arrangements for the "Advocate". Please
to give us any hints or any commu-
nications you can think of for the
paper. I am most anxious that it
should contain a history of the A. S. enter-
prise, & a sketch of the ^{chief} movers in it, just
enough to make it a reality to people of
limited knowledge, imagination, &
enthusiasm.

In haste with much love to your
party

Your very affectionate

Mary Estlin.

Will you take charge of the accom-
panying packet for Mr Lane until
he calls on Leeds for it. They are some
lunatic asylum reports which
my Father procured at his request

for one of the Managers of Charenton.
If you should have any means
of letting him or the Director know
of ~~their~~ being in your keeping it
may relieve you of the charge sooner
than if left to us, but it is not necessary
to write on purpose. We avoid un-
called for communications in
that quarter having too many
inevitable ones.

Miss Ireland has been looking out
for means of sending you a presen-
tation copy of her little book; in
case it has not occurred I enclose
one that is in our possession to
show you the publication & her in-
tentions respecting you. I hope
Mr M. D. Hill will renew his ac-
quaintance with you. He is
very sound in many anti-slavery

points I'm enthusiastic about
Mr Wendell Phillips's eloquence
but he is of so excitable a temper-
ment that he cannot give his
mind to the questions steadily
enough to make his knowledge
of much avail to us. He has
promised to do anything he can for
the Advertiser. His daughters are
clever & cultivated with an uncon-
ventional freshness of thought &
manner that I can fancy you
would enjoy. I need not say how
thankful we are to hear that Miss
Weston's last news from America
is favorable. The Reports for Mr
Lane are found too bulky to enclose

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