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My dearest Mr. Chapman,

It does seem almost incredible to me to have three of your precious letters unanswered! When so many of my acquaintances would joyfully write three for the chance of getting one line from you, I do feel myself to have reached a climax of ingratitude. Thank you for generously exonerating me of wilful negligence. The last six weeks have been most disagreeably unavailable to me for purposes of social intercourse personal or by correspondence, owing to a petty continuous succession of headaches, & of petty duties to family friends, neighbours, of hourly recurrence. These causes combined have made my chance of overtaking time more hopeless each day until I have grown hardened & to the tort of the uphill chase, I fold my hands while other people are doing what where alone I have to get that as best I may. Convinced

nections with Paris being one of the things to which my companions have always turned with alacrity I have felt that perfect tranquillity in thinking of you all that comes over me whenever I see things self-sustaining, & working independently of my superintendence. As a matter of personal gratification my thoughts run towards you perpetually from a consciousness that I should have your peculiar sympathy in sundry tastes for stillness, freedom from molestation &c. &c. which the world in general cannot comprehend. Miss Pugh has a standing laugh against me for confessing that I would rather stand on one spot all my life & turn round & round for change of scene than go roaming about, tossed hither & thither, like numbers of your countrymen by way of recreation. But it is time to cut short this wasteful cotidian, & say how gratified we all feel at your approval of the Associate. There are many things I wish for it to make it a living fact in the minds of unprejudiced voices. But it can easily be added to, having begun rightly. A true record of the Abolition movement is its great desideratum; Mr G. Thompson volunteered writing a series of articles on this point but has failed as usual to keep his engagements.

You are greatly overestimating my individual share in the getting out of the paper. The credit is due to Mr Webb, but we all watch <sup>& call from</sup> the English papers & make references to things in the American ones, & send suggestions to him as they arise. Miss Pugh & my Father have both written some articles, & so has Mr Edwin Chapman, who has taken to the work most energetically. He is circulating the Advocate far & wide, getting it noticed in local papers, obtaining subscribers, offering liberal donations of money for its support &c. I hope we shall get on by degrees. Mr M. D. Hill has none of the wealth that you attribute to him. A very few years ago his daughters were applying themselves to various domestic arts such as washing, <sup>as well as literary</sup> & clear starching <sup>plishments</sup> &c. being uncertain in what way they might have to provide for their maintenance. The necessity did not arise & they can now enjoy the fruits of their application, & are generous in imparting them to others, but beyond this they do not pretend to go. Their general intelligence & their intellectual circle of friends makes them worth enlightening on any point where they can exert a moral influence. This letter

will be conveyed to you I believe by a  
young lady (Miss Jane Smith) with whose  
family & connections my Father is  
well acquainted. Some of them (includ-  
her mother) used to live in Bristol &  
were respected & what would be called  
in "good standing". Her eldest sister is  
our particular friend; she was born  
blind, & when an infant my Father oper-  
on her about the means of her seeing well  
enough for all the ordinary concerns of  
she has often stayed with us & was at school  
for a time at Miss Carpenters. We are  
not so much acquainted with Jane, but  
rarely seen her since her school days. She  
is clever & accomplished, with a great  
etiquette for travelling, which she seems <sup>at Ca</sup> to  
to have found some opportunity to gain.  
Her father died about two years ago, & a  
very quiet life with a precise mother and  
two sisters seems not to have suited her  
taste. They have often asked us to look  
for some pleasant companion for her  
to travel with, & have just written word  
that a lady of their acquaintance has taken  
up & that she will spend the winter with  
in Paris. They have petitioned for an intro-  
duction to you, having heard much of you  
from the Parkers who were their near  
neighbours last winter, & who admire  
Jane Smith very much. All this remains  
to be is the form in which I shall do

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For the sake of seeing you once we were  
willing, as you know, to brave all the  
fatigues & exposures of a long journey, &c.  
set aside for a time our ordinary concerns.  
We rejoice at all that has resulted from  
that effort; & feel that its benefits are far  
from exhausted. Henceforth we must re-  
main at our posts & take whatever you  
can accord us of help & joy by your welcome  
presence with thankfulness, & not repine  
at our inability to obtain more. You will  
come here again I have faith in the course  
of next year? I mean if possible to keep  
a wedge open for your hope to prove  
that your last visit has brought forth  
important fruits. Aunty has I hope  
told all the A.S. news. My work is now  
to keep on the watch tower, & to ~~hook~~ <sup>together</sup>  
scattered disjointed links in various  
parts of the country that seem to  
~~have~~ <sup>contain</sup> elements of union, & also to go  
on digging that channel for the "Uncle  
Tom's readers tears"; as there is a perpetual  
danger of their sinking into the earth or  
overflowing their banks in some mis-  
chievous avalanche. My Father is  
at Bath to-day & unable to add his lines  
but Trice has sent me the enclosed note  
to forward. We are so delighted with the  
beautiful engraving! Aunty has sent it  
to be framed; my father is going to hang it  
in his bed room closet the shutter where  
your names are inscribed.  
With much love to all. Your affectionate  
son, Galtin

presented the desired introduction  
because I don't know enough of the  
young lady to commend her confidence  
to your notice as I should a personal  
friend. I am told she is a great fa-  
vorite with people who <sup>do</sup> know her. You  
will soon be able to judge, <sup>you will</sup> not be pre-  
judiced against her, from my guarding  
myself from "endorsing" her (as the American  
say.) My fear was that if she came to  
you as a friend of ours you might  
take her upon trust, thinking we were  
more intimately acquainted with her  
individually than is the case, & that you  
might be kind to her for our sakes rather  
than for her deserts. I thank you much  
for wishing to see us. We shall hail the  
day that reunites us, & shall rejoice to  
have your group again under our roof.  
When you return to England we will de-  
vise plans for coming together. Paris  
is the least likely & least attractive  
place for such a meeting as far as we  
are concerned. Health, time & avocations  
all tie us where our lot is cast, & it must  
be some very strong motive and very  
clear duty that would justify our  
forsaking our immediate field of action