

To Mr. W. Chapman

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GARRISON
MSS.

My dear Friend

Last evening Mr. C. Wright and my self were
 going out to a Friends Temperance Meeting when a letter was
 handed to me from Henry Colman introducing to my friendly
 notice Mr. Richard the Boston bookseller whom he met in Belfast
 on his way to Dublin & Liverpool. They went to Belfast & Dublin
 in all of Ireland that most Yankee seafaring tourists I
 have met with have time to delectate visit. They gave the
 weather to England & Scotland of a day or half a day in the
 case way to Ireland. Thomas gave us half a day. Well
 Mr. Richard walked up town introduced Frisk. I hope breakfast
 here today. Then went on board in company with of Mr. C. Wright
 as his business and what was said he have for what the
 poor man will be in the book set for things he will deliver him
 with principles which are only dry food sometimes. He
 accompanied me to the Temperance Meeting of a night good
 & pleasant one it was. We had several fair speeches - but
 the star of the night was a Mr. Call & Cole - apparently
 a worker near from Boston - one of the most fluent, funny
 and witty Temperance Speakers I ever heard. I first met
 with him the preceding day (Sunday) at an open air meeting
 in Newmarket Square one of the poorest districts of Dublin
 where several thousands were assembled round a platform
 lately presented to the Dublin teetotalers by James Haughton.
 A card was handed up from a Bostonian who wished to
 make a few remarks. James Haughton called him by name -
 deably asked him if he was an Irish speaking man at which
 he looked a little taken aback - but he said he was and then

Having finished my own letter I have aimed myself reading Mr. C's which I know was intended for the public

J. H. creed out to the multitude. Here is an American gentleman
who wishes to address you - he says he is an Anti Slavery man - you
know we would not receive any American who was not an Anti
Slavery man - So when his turn came he delighted the audience
wonderfully with such a flow of good talks & funny stories that the
ladies were known. He is to breakfast with us tomorrow & to come
to our Exchange Meeting in the Evening.

M. C. Wright looks wonderfully improved - but such is his character,
I should not wonder if he would expose himself
again by our application. He has copied out a mass of matter
relative to his professed talks & sermons about Human
government, war, peace, & hope, which he talks of printing - but
I don't know who would ^{of any} read any long book of his - he has such
an outrageous style & he respects himself so eternally.

R. R. Moore one of the great firms of the League, an old
friend of the Dublin Chique (pardon my presumption) was
was here within the last week for a week after 3 years absence.
He is witty, brilliant, good humored & easy on ears, and unchanged
to an uncommon degree. Great popularity & supple spirit
most men if long enjoyed. He told us among other things
that he has paid E. Dean for a year's subscription to the
Liberator that we've got the paper. His address is Anti Corn
Law Office, Fleet Street, London - Oblige me by sending
another copy to Charles L. Corkran, same address -
and another to W. M. Antisell, Phyllis town, Ireland -
and step one to W. M. Donnell, Anglesa Street, Dublin
then I wrote to him stopped months ago. I wish to answerable
for Corkran & Antisell. E. Dean will I suppose forward money
money if she has not done so already. I think it is a thousand
pities, for men deal their own of himself, his time & his energy into
the Liberator. He is too lazy. A paper cannot prosper if neglected. It is

true that the Emancipator has more the Liberator only good subscribers -
it must be either that Old Regeneration is very unpopular or that
the former paper which we now see is much better set up and ~~more~~
more interesting than the latter. I cannot help thinking that
there is much in Garrison's power if he would only arise &
shake himself from nursery trammels, & get somebody else
to nurse the baby. I feel sore at the thought of the Liberator's
going to the well.

Henry Colman has made the tour of Ireland in a fallop
- having visited Cah, Kilkenny, Limerick, Galway, Sligo,
Enniskillen, Derry, the Causeway & Belfast. I had a
letter from him by Tuckers beside the introduction. He is
greatly horrified at the dirt & degradation of our people.
What might he ^{not} have said before the Temperance Reformation.
Father Mathew gave him a silver medal & tried to get him to
take the pledge but did not succeed. His handwriting is
fully as bad as mine which from all I have heard about the
inequity of mine is saying a great deal.

More promised me to write for the Liberty Bell. I hope he
may - but I think it good for severity of mind to regard pro-
mises as made of pie crusts. He is a lively fellow and
promises he finds sometimes much easier than the performance.
And so that matter is done or all.

Since last mail O'Connell has been liberated in consequence
of the decision on the act of error. It caused great rejoicing
and excitement - and all this I heard in detail for it was by
found at full length in the paper ~~which I~~ send by the
Caledonia directed to the Mr Sydney Howard Jay. I also send
another by W. Tuckers wherein there will find that Dr Miley a
pet priest here (and O'Connell's private chaplain) ascribes O'Connell's
liberation to the special intercession of the Virgin Mary who doubtless
influenced Lord Denman's decision, which did the business.

I am heartily glad of the defeat of the Ministry. Many of their acts, or
of their servants acts, in the course of the State Trials, were the most impolitic
that could have been imagined. The mutilated journals - the packed
protestant jury - the partisan judges - all in the case of O'Connell, who
above all men, should, for the reputation of justice in Ireland, have
had a scrupulously fair trial. No wonder Sir Robert Peel talked of Ireland
being ^{his} chief difficulty, before he came into power. It would puzzle an
evil angel. A very ~~long~~ ~~and~~ clever book written by a man I have seen
of Kuno something of has been lately published. I wonder was it reprinted
in America - if so get it & read it. It is called 'Ireland and its Rulers
since 1829.' No I think generally just and portray, the state of
things amongst us with great vigour & fidelity. The author is a Mr.
Madden - not Dr Madden - but a much more energetic scribe.

What about Foster's denunciation of French in the Herald
of Freedom. I thought that if it had not been for French,
devotion & Roger's writing that the Herald would have gone down
long ago. Now is Foster become their enemy? Or don't the case bear
any analogy to the transfer of the Emancipator. Bradburn sent us
his defections published in Whittier's paper with Whittier's endorsement.
I was struck with all the political party gossip in that paper with the
numbers of advertisements so much greater than in the Liberator that it
has up a tail of its celebrity. Liberty Party or Political Abolition
must be much more popular than Garrisonism, if we can judge
anything from such outward forcible display. Why don't Garrison take a sledge
hammer & break Bradburn's arguments to pieces? His reply in the last paper
that came amounted to no more than that B. had incorrectly stated that
he had been ~~and~~ gagged at the Annual Meeting. He left his reasoning
untouched. I would he would stand up in his great strength. Could
not I have a line by the next opportunity to say whether the same
books that I sent by Carl ~~box~~ ^{box} could be likely to sell well
if I sent them next time. I only ^{list} because the opportunity occurs
& it would be a pity to let it go without saying something.

Thine & the Cleric's

Ruth Webb