

To Mrs. Chapman.



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My dear Friend

This is chiefly to say that I yesterday saw our Box for the fair free on board the Steam Boat for Liverpool. Though no bigger than a little box, it is large and more valuable than I had any hope of two weeks since. By the help of some contributions that we do not look for - and of others from some of our friends who gave more than usual because others give less, we think that what we had is not much less valuable than in former years. I did the articles are generally more compact & light therefore will less for freight. One young woman sent us a very bulky present of large wax dolls which would have been smashed on the way, besides costing fully a third more of the whole package for freight. I much enjoyed at the last hour yesterday to find that these they were brought from and to get them taken back - we wish you could for the amount in forwarding the boxes to Boston, and you can give the donors our thanks for their kind donations. All the boxes of plays that would have been his grace over his in compliance with the request to make how we have reached all Mr. H. Allen's & all ours with the articles Mr. H. & Mr. D. W. All these are packed at cost price and we think nearly all might be sold for double what they cost us. You will use your discretion.

Amongst these are some Libdys, Beaumonts & other books which may be somewhat sold for what you think they are worth or more. The two former are now out of print and were the last copies I could get - so that you should catch accordingly. Libdy was published here for 3/6 - of Beaumont for 2/6 per copy. I happened to know how to get them very cheap. Peder Paars is the comic piece of the Danes & might attract some of your scholars. It is worth 2 dollars. Paradise Lost is published with 1/2 dollar. Milton's History of the Jews 2/6 dollars. There is a bundle of third collars from my brother James - 10 dollars down - also 2 shirts which he meant, but had not time to make by these last are for Garrison - he told me not to mention his name, but I may as well - It takes away much from the pleasure a present gives not to know who gave it. The Queen of England is a great beauty I am told. It came mailed from the Slavers to that an eye was not gladdened by the sight of her royal presence. She probably takes up more room than she is worth. But the room was exactly to spare.

As it is a great deal to know precisely what sells best that we may know whether we can be good to say when the time comes whether the odds & ends of paper, wax, paper, books, studs, envelopes, &c. went off well or not. They pack books, are readily got, and therefore seem a good thing as we could send. I also send a copy of Scott's life, the Edinburgh edition - as a venture. It cost what is needed. I would like to know if it will sell. It is an experiment. We had not much to put at the top this time, and cheap Uncle Sam's. Some things sent of this kind were by publishing that we did not like to send so deeply by sending them to you. I believe the duty for by the declared post cost value. But this can you have little to pay for you may safely affirm that they had exceed £30. Think in calculate that there is about fifty pounds worth at the retail price. It is a shame to make such a fuss about it.

Some articles are packed in the bottom of the box. We washed a green machine called a clipper. It is in  
 intended to hang in an office or study and to hold papers, without tearing them. It will keep in the  
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We must rely there unless we give money and plead our power and our poverty. There is nothing from Limerick. Rebecca fishes the ranges of two letters who are sealed in the cause, has written the last paragraph gone off to a husband she married privately in London, and of whom ~~nothing~~ none of her family know or know anything except from her report. There she is piece of Roman on her part, from a determination to follow Limerick's advice and be independent, and to enter William's household, and live out her life for father's sake. She says the happy man is about 34, that he is a commercial traveller, tall, thin, serious, high minded, intellectual & so forth. How they were married, by whom, where, how they live or where, except that they are in London, is still a secret, all letters are to go to the Post office in London, & to be called for there. They are living their own life. As the poor young woman is extremely indiscreet, unsuspicious & artless, the chance is that she may have been secretly deceived. Nobody knows.

I had written above and below this line and examined the other side when this blessed and lovely Sunday morning, a letter from the Liverpool broker to whom the box was assigned came to hand with the unpleasant intelligence that no goods (and consequently not even, which had not arrived in Liverpool then) ~~would~~ <sup>would</sup> be taken on board the Boston steamer after 6 o'clock on the evening of the 16<sup>th</sup>. The date on the 19<sup>th</sup>. So we must wait till next week and do must the like box which will probably be late this year as she was last. Now our affair will come in, in the middle of the fair and you will be bothered. However if you will be so good as to ~~write~~ <sup>write</sup> hints about the marking, and to follow them, I don't think you will find much difficulty. In marking one of a Lillians, we took care that the cost price should be in the paper enclosing the package & not on the things themselves, so that you can readily change them without showing the cost customer the private marks. I am sure you will set me down as a real old woman, and in words. But if there were any one else to attend to these matters I would not come forward in this way so much. It, who is very ill, spent a good deal of the two last days in the packing and marking, but she prefers, however all the correspondence to me. She thinks I have an element in it. And you should think me good for nothing but writing, and that I do nothing else, but I will say that more of my manuscripts are to Boston than to all the parts of the world put together. -- I see that C. Spear is advertising a new newspaper called the Hampshire - they are by subscribing for it for me - I will pay honestly. It is to come out for only thirteen weeks. I like the name. It should tell.

However the Limerick things have not yet come. If they do come, I will forward them by the next steam boat in a single parcel. And with them I will send 2 neat call out autographs (speaking commercially) of O'Connell. One of them is worth 5 dollars if it is worth a penny. Also one of Tommy Moore the poet - equally valuable. He forgets, in all the hurry of packing and marking, to put them in. It is very odd that as far as I know, H. C. W. has not had a line from him since his return from France was nearly 3 months. Do they care at all about him? He don't seem to write to them either. He is just now gone to attend an anti-slavery meeting in Glasgow by special invitation. He is to be back in a few days. I had by last mail a most affecting letter from Hovey partly written by himself & between which by his wife. He is I confidently believe near the end of his journey. He has had plenty of blood. Poor fellow! if he were here, I would feel as if one of my stars were gone out. How since I made his acquaintance I have had a warm feeling of affectionate admiration for him. He is so high minded & so frank, so warm hearted.