

R. Webb to Mrs. Mrs. Chapman (Dublin, 12<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> mo 1845

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My dear friend

As my father (who is just turned of 69) is to be married in a few days and my company is desired on the occasion I will have to leave town for some short time, and may be out of the way when the letter should be sent off for the next Boston Mail. I therefore think it better to write now that I may leave town with an easy mind.

In the first place, then, be so kind as to tell Garrison, or whoever has to do with the business matter of the Liberator, that it was not right to send Nathaniel Pades of Dublin a notice of his being a delinquent, inasmuch as I sent out his money for two years, some months ago. He paid me £1.5 for this purpose.

Robert Chapman, 1, Queen's Square, Dublin, wishes to have his name put down as a subscriber to the Anti Slavery Standard

Discontinue the Liberator to Wm. Antiehl, C. L. Corkran, and Sarah Poole. The last is a sister of Henry's, and fell into Lemuel Murray Hoag's net when he was here lately. She has become pious and eschews Anti Slavery. C. L. Corkran is an excellent young man, known to Garrison. He is obliged to decline on account of the loss of a situation, which makes retrenchment necessary. I am sometimes told, many months after renouncing the Liberator, that it continues to come. I think there must be some bad bookkeeping in the office of that paper.

J. Dwyer and J. M. Buffum left us this day week for Wexford, in company with Maria Waring. They had two good meetings, - and then went on to Waterford, where they held two very bad ones, partly owing to imperfect

advertising, partly to the coming off of the Thames Race, in the neighbourhood, and partly to the bad show left by Moses Roper, who was a drunken, ignorant, ill behaved fool, and accustomed to disgrace his race & the anti-slavery cause wherever he set his foot. He both Wexford and Waterford they were pleasantly received in the kindest manner, and they were at very little expense from Dublin to Cork. They went to Cork on the 11<sup>th</sup> and on the 1<sup>st</sup> I doubt not, in class, at the house of Mr Wm Martin, who made Father Matthew a tectostallus, and enjoying the delightful society and unfeeling kindness & sympathy of the Jennings Family - three brothers, and five sisters, who are brimming over with good nature, civility, hospitality, and philanthropy. Poor J. W. B. had a hard time of it before he left us. He was smart on the point of breaking off with Feedink, and going his own way alone. He has been greatly slighted and ridiculed by him, in what I think a most ungrateful and unfeeling way. F. D. took into his head that James had not paid enough attention to him on board the Columbia, tho' he took passage in the Sturge to keep him company. He seems to me to be full of suspicion and jealousy, and the unrestrained excess of his tendency to ridicule others. He professes the utmost contempt for a lie and bores - but his habit of talking in half jest, half earnest, leaves it very hard difficult for even those who relish a joke very well, to know whether he is in jest or earnest - and bestows confidence almost effectually as habitual falsehood. He cannot take a kind without resenting it, and this will pretty effectually prevent any advantage he might reap from his visit to these countries. I think wherever he is not made completely at home, he will do better - but where he is made to feel like one of us, his jealousy, pride, and contempt for others will be certain to peep out offensively. For my own part, I care little for his escapades, but I deeply regret the mischief they may do to the cause, which is always judged of from the character of its advocates, wherever it is unknown & unappreciated in the merit of its own claims and principles.

Caution in his part would be the more necessary, as he is  
sure to excite great hostility, by his exposure of the shortcomings  
of the American churches. He has already earned the  
heavy hatred of the Quakers & the Methodists, which will  
be sure to follow him wherever he goes throughout the  
three Kingdoms. I have been astonished, since he came, by  
the intensity and pertinacity of the odium theologians,  
and here never had any sense of the littleness of sect &  
doctrines and conflicts. Let cares nothing for truth, humanity  
and justice in comparison with its own claims. Poor  
J. W. Buffum's great faults in egotism - he is too anxious  
to know what people will think of him, how he speaks,  
what he is thought of - what people will think of him in  
company with Pres. Cook, and so forth. He would be much  
happier and more independent if he could set these  
fancies aside - but he can't. He has quite enough  
sneer to enable him to stand alone & go alone. But  
we must only work with the materials we have got, and  
it is sometimes humiliating enough to see what fine  
instruments a great cause is committed to. And that  
people will judge of a cause by the conduct of its instru-  
ments, and not on its own ~~own~~ claims.

I had recently a communication from Mary Howitt - &  
several from Jeremiah Woffen - many of them having much  
if any reference to the object of the Liberty Bell. The truth is,  
that the literary people of these countries know almost  
nothing of its position, and they cannot write about its  
history. It is useless to have to write when you have  
nothing to say. From the fulness of the heart the mouth  
speaks. I also send a communication from James  
Haughton, which I hope may answer. It was bled down  
from a quart to a pint by my wife and myself. James's  
fault as a writer is diffuseness and repetition.

The Hutchinsons have been here more than once and  
have only given two concerts. The time of the year is the  
very worst they could have selected for visiting Dublin - &  
they are probably ~~amused~~ astonished by the discovery that  
they are comparatively unknown here, and will have to  
work their way to notice. They are not fit for working. They don't

and," whom you called "Jenny"  
the "Politics of the hour" lecture  
of Religion - a "known" writer  
very good thing should please  
May this day with - hence  
He is in great glory in the  
spurred by all the petty &  
fears. I would not wonder  
that she did not admire  
cross, from what I have seen  
this heredit. box yesterday  
not valuable, ~~but~~ they  
steal our purchases,  
sweet spirited of most  
hands out of their little  
he has from any of  
year a widow, with 5 children  
ladies would be very accept-  
"aw Slavery" for nothing. We  
to do with your money -  
re paper in reply to the big  
who pleased to have <sup>your</sup> ~~his~~ letters,  
very truly & in great haste  
Richd. D. Webb

know how to work. Jesse is a poor jealous, suspicious,  
huffy body, without maintenance or judgment. He is forever  
imagining himself neglected. The other boys and Abby I like  
very well - but they are little else but singers. Jesse & Judson  
talk of going to London for a day, to have to say they have  
been there, and then returning in the next boat. The other 3  
are opposed to this - and very properly. They are to sing tonight  
in connexion with Henry Russell - and on the result of  
tonight will depend whether they stay here any longer. I never  
knew such a nervous, up and down, unstable crew. They  
have no more strength of mind than children. The only  
nearly one among them is Abby, and she is a sweet little  
woman. Roger has not much to be proud of in having  
them for adherents. I think I should be ashamed of Jesse as a  
partisan. In speaking so freely as I do of all these  
people, of course I only speak for your guidance; but that it  
need go any farther. I don't think there would be any good  
done by reflecting back upon Frederick ever so gently any  
thing I have said. He is excessively suspicious and jealous -  
he seems to me to have a full savage's share of these  
qualities. His great talents I fully admit, but I am sure  
that in private they are greatly obscured by his faults. Of  
£52 he has cut (for paper & printing 2000, & binding 500) about  
£30 is cleared off by gifts & sales. This I think very  
good for so far, and that he has great reason to be satisfied  
with poor Ireland. Maria Waring, Hannah's sister, has been  
very generous to him. She is a noble hearted creature. It  
is a ~~very~~ different matter to have to do with H.C.W. from what  
it is to deal with F.D. Henry is one of the gentlest, most  
trustful, and easiest of men. Frederick is wonderful in talent, &  
unusually quick & full of tact in his demeanour, in company  
- but ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~part~~ I fear, I will lose for the shining & more for  
the substantial qualities. J. N. B. speaks of going from Cork  
to be admitted to be presented to the Anti-Slavery Law Bureau on  
the 15th and then rejoining F. in Belfast or Glasgow. We  
have tried our best to get the Hutchinsons to go on, and  
make their abode here. It would be a grand opportunity -  
but Jesse is an incubus upon them.

You remember the little London press, "a friend," whom you called "young  
Jim Lewis" - well he sent me a present of the "Politics of the hour lectur-  
ment" written by the author of the "materialism of Religion" - a known writer  
of great ability, whose name I forget. It is a very good thing, would please  
the republican. Douglass - who is in Dublin this day week - thence  
to Birmingham, & the south of England. He is in great glory in the  
south of Ireland. I hope he may not be spoiled by all the petting &  
flattery he meets with - but I have my fears. I would not advise  
Maria to give me some hints for him, that she did not advise  
with herself but I was not so lucky, from what I have seen  
of him. Hannah & I looked over the household box yesterday  
she remarked that the <sup>two</sup> ~~two~~ things were not valuable, ~~that~~ they  
showed real heart in the work - far more than our purchases,  
which we had only to buy. They - those sweet spirited & most  
noble minded fathers work with their hands out of their little  
savings if their least is in their work. A hint from any of  
you to Deborah Joseph (a young widow, I mean a widow, with 5 children)  
or his sister Susanna or the old Mr. Fisher, would be very accept-  
table & well bestowed. Lend the "American Slavery" for nothing, we  
will pay for what we order. You have enough to do with your money -  
I mean your society. I have written 2 close papers in reply to the big  
British letter ~~last week~~ - but I would be very well pleased to have <sup>your</sup> ~~his~~ history  
of it also.

Yours very truly  
Rich<sup>d</sup> D Webb

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Philip Harwood is the  
man; name that I  
said I paid.