

Dublin, Dec. 19. 1857

My dear Friend - I thank you for  
your letter and a few days since  
and have very little to say, the foggy  
weather except that the "Waking  
men association" of Belfast and the  
Mr W. Beck of Liverpool with their hobe-  
rators stopped where you wish to do  
good as to have done as soon as you  
can conveniently manage it. By  
the kindness of Miss Estlin I have seen  
a letter from your sister Caroline written  
since Louis had been separated villainy  
exploded and adding us of the safety  
of our friends. I look upon this Conf.  
d'Etat as one of the most horrible crimes  
in all the history of the world. This article  
had nothing to do with his villainy. He  
had come to a miserable end in some  
way or other. I am glad you have had  
a cheerful idea of me in spite of the  
shadowy existence of Park Street. But  
indeed the letters are wonderfully good &  
admirable - If you told me to my face

that you thought much better of them than  
of me, though I should feel a little  
huffed, I could not honestly blame you  
for your choice. They seem to me the  
essence of goodness, kindness, sincerity  
& unaffectedness united with much  
elegance of mind. For my part I  
have one good piece of good luck to boast  
of, that is that when I take a liking to  
people I have never seen I am never  
disappointed disagreeable in the ideal  
I have formed - and I am certain sure  
that when I walk in some day to your  
house in Weymouth I shall value much  
more and dread of your inspections than  
from a ~~deed~~ sense of disappointed  
expectations.

I don't know why I wanted to tell you  
of Kossuth. Probably I had been writing  
so much about him that I thought you  
might read if you pleased, it seemed  
writen to say any more on this subject.  
He has heard of his arrest. In a  
few days we will know all about his  
behaviour. If he is silent about  
slavery he will be so deliberately - for  
no pains were spared from many



quarters to make the whole matter  
clear to him. I had a copy of Am.  
Slavery as it is" placed in his hands.  
Could you send me 2 or 3 copies of  
that book in the Box? - How can I know  
the price. - We have been looking out  
for Whittier's new Poem. Do you mean  
(that is no poem) the lines addressed to  
Kossuth? - and the compliment to  
dead John Q. Adams instead of the  
living Garrison - or else his avowing the  
name of Webster so that protest may  
be seen for the same be stigmatized?

Three of our children have just got over the  
measles - with a little niece who was on a  
visit into the bargain. So we had just  
nursing, closed windows, bottles, & so forth.

We are now almost choked with a  
succession of fogs so thick & frequent  
that the day is not remembered by the  
oldest inhabitant. The new Glasgow  
Mirror has just sent me (wherefrom I do  
not know) a copy of their first Report. They  
call themselves the Glasgow Female News  
Advocates for the Abolition of Slavery

It contains a good deal of cant - cooperation  
with the N. Y. Vigilance Committee & con-  
tains a better speech from Saxet in which  
he lauds the Am. & F. A. Society - accuses  
Thompson of misrepresentation & glorifies the  
new Broad Street Society. What do you think  
of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" as the national Era  
& it not a very good story

With best wishes to all the writers of the  
herd for yourself, I remain ever your truly

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