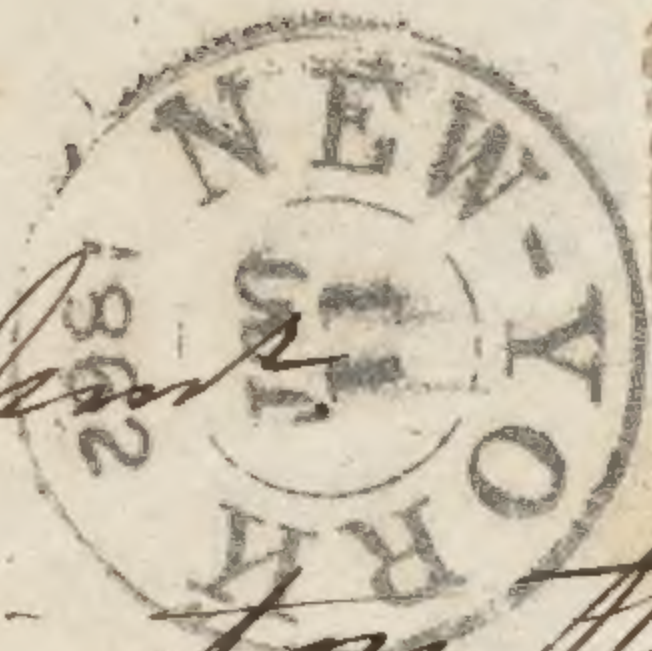


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Fox Pool, Stillorgan W. Dublin
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My dear Friend - It is a very long time since we heard from any of our dear friends in Boston, & we are longing to know how you all are in these terrible days. We read the news from America with intense interest & we know how you are feeling but we long to have tidings more direct than even your newspapers give us. - The last letter I had from thee was the short note introducing thy cousin, who called upon, & my great regret, I was out of town for a day. I should have greatly enjoyed seeing him for his own sake, but more especially to hear of thee & all our other Boston & New England friends & of

the state of matters among you
for words of the living voice or
far better than printed or even
written letters; - he talked of
being in Edinburgh again in
the autumn, but I fear I shall
not be at home, as I have come
over here for a few weeks, & perhaps
he comes to Dublin while I am
here. I shall be disappointed in
meeting him as I was when they
crossed S. J. May was in this country.

I have only seen Richard Webb
once since I came, he is greatly
feeling his sorrow in the loss
of his beloved wife, friend, com-
panion & counsellor - the whole
family seem to have lost their
main stay - she was so loving
& thoughtful & unobtrusive.

an influence felt, perhaps more
than seen. I so missed very
greatly. - I sincerely trust they
may derive strength in this
hour of need from Him who is
the ever present, ever willing
& ever loving source of strength
& help & consolation. - From
Ann Mary Estlin we hear once
a week & I had the pleasure of
meeting her in London, which
was very refreshing - Since then
her three she has lost one of
her few remaining relatives -
her beloved Aunt M^{rs} Reynolds -
sister of her mother, she feels
this very much she has lived
within the shadow of death
during the most of this year,
as her beloved cousin Mary
Watson of Bridgewater died in
the Spring - & Mary has been

the companion & source of
Sarah Watson's grief very fre-
-quently since. - Mary Estlin
own health was much better
in the early part of the year
but the strain on her sym-
-ptoms rather affected it. - Her kind
asks who the John Wigham whose
death was mentioned in the Lib.
he was my father's first cousin
-friend & partner in business during
their early life. - He was next to
father to us, beloved & revered, &
a citizen & far-seeing philanthropist
very highly esteemed. - We feel his
loss very much, all the more, as
we, these plans never can be filled
again & we almost feel as we look
around there are few to fill the
to the world, but we know that
one is necessary to the Lord's work
although the sometimes places
instruments to do it & it is noble to
find these instruments standing
in their lot to the latest times
as my dear cousin did. He was priviled

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beyond many to see the reward of
his labours, the fulfilment of his
wishes in regard to the establish-
ment of reformatories for
juvenile delinquents, the
abolition of the Corn Laws &c.

My dear father was two years
his junior he was called testis,
his distinction being also plur-
we are thankful to have him
very bright & vigorous for his years.
of my father we see & hear sometimes
I trust he is well & we should like
to hear of my wife & family too.

We earnestly desire your comfort
& strength under the great trials
your nation's sins have brought
upon you - for you must all
feel very much indeed -
the whole nation must suffer
& we suffer with you materially
& by sympathy - What the end
is to be who can tell? May God
shorten these evil days! Bring forth

abundance for the slave and
righteousness for the nation

Richard Webb has kindly
offered to send this letter for
by a friend of his who goes to
America soon - he will prob-
ably write to you, I hope he will
I think he will tell you best of
himself & his family.

My love to dear W. L. Garrison
his family & all our friends
whom I know with those
of the wife & family -

With kindest regards
Yours very sincerely
Eliza Wigham