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My dear Friend,
When dear Mary
Cutler returned home from Rome
she found thy last letter & after
some time she kindly lent it to
me to read. its contents touched me
deeply on many points & resolved
to write as soon as I could & as often
to make up in as far as I could
for your want of information of
our beloved friend; but as a
preliminary to my giving the
information I must have it so
I waited till an opportunity oc-
-curred of meeting her & judging
for myself of her health &c. & she
gave me a message for thee,
while I employ the first post
after my return, to transmit:-
she told me to tell thee thy letter
was a very valuable one to her &
gave her real pleasure in its
reception & perusal. & she was very
grateful for it. & would have
announced it long before now, had
capacity recorded inclination;
although she is much better
than when in Rome, she finds
that every muscle exercise
either of mind or body is sore

to bring on a prostrating head-
-ache, which incapacitates her
from performing quite simple
duties. - It looks a little better
& I write a letter to a dear &
intimate friend like thyself,
but the thought of doing so
crosses so many associations
& calls up so many thoughts
she would wish to express that
she almost invariably gives
way under the attempt; we
are all hoping she will be
stronger soon & that she will
be able to have the pleasure
of sending thee a few lines
- ~~now~~ if thou wilt kindly ac-
- cept of a few. She says thy
letter touched on some of the
painful points of contrast between
what she was with her father
& what she is without him -
She thinks that with him
has passed away much of
her own power to act in the
sphere she occupied during

his life - how much of this
feeling is attributable to feeble
health & how much to outward
circumstances it is difficult
to determine - but as she is, she
is still to us a very precious
representative of her departed parent,
living out so much of the life
he lived that through her he may
speak yet speaketh. It is a
great trial to her that she is un-
able to proceed to the task of
making him more widely
known as she had so fondly
hoped to do. but she patiently
& in full faith leaves the matter
in her Heavenly Father's hands;
the strength & cooperation, requisite
for the work, are not at her
command & these must be
indications that either the
time has not come for the
work or that the work is
not called for. She has lost
several of her friends from
Aristol, of whom Mr. Armstrong's

death of course thou would
hear, he is greatly wiped, not
only at Bristol but in the
truly small Anti-Slavery
we feel that another valiant
for the Truth had been taken
from our public ranks. The
Mr. Graves, Mary's most assiduous
neighbour & faithful, loving
friend & ally is going down
to Ipswich - & Mr. Tribe is near
the close of life; - so that
Bristol are diminishing
very rapidly & as they do so
belief is strengthened that
that is not the place of great
usefulness for our friend. She
looking about now, floating
as she calls it, that she may
see the allotted place in
to cast anchor - there may
be many considerations before
making any determination.
Probably she will write here
on this subject & there in the
promised little note, but in
meantime I finish it with a
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to dwell on these things.
"Jehovah-jireh" is a fitter
name for mourning when
the future flashes before us.

Yours fondly dear friend

Henry A. Estlin

at about my words 1838.

for want of country as
I think. To me settling
down at Silverdale would
be pleasanter than bustling
from place to place. But
these matters & many
others will adjust themselves in time. anxiety is

not the way

Characteristic autographs. She
had been speaking of various plans
& added - but anxious thought is
not the state of mind in which

to dwell on these things.
"Jehovah jireth" is a fitter
theme for musing on when
the future flashes before us.
Yours fondly dear friend
Henry Estlin

So we must adopt his motto too -
although our deep interest in
his, sometimes, causes a longing
wish regarding the right settlement
of his future. So commended him to
the almighty Guide is all we can
do for him. - After returning from
Rome she spent some time at
Kenne Bay in Kent - called twice
at Bristol for a few nights each
time & then with her aunt Mrs
Richard & her two cousins Sarah &
Mary Watson of Bridgewater & her
faithful aunt took a little ex-
-cursion to the English Lakes -
where at Ambleside I met the
party & spent a few days very happily

with thank & gathered up this
lengthy communication, hope
it is not too long if so please excuse
me - the subject is very close to my
affections & I believe to the interest
also - this must be my apology.

As for the cause in Britain, I
can scarcely say there is any
thing encouraging - the few
who love it truly are working
away for the Boston bazaar,
I hope we may be well represented
there by our contributions, bearing
with them our earnest sympathy;
we scarcely know what we may
have, but as my mother quaintly
remarks, "agitation produces better"
as a necessity, we shall hope to
produce something - we are agitating
quietly - & doing what we can to
counteract the Julia Griffiths
& Russell Carpenter influences -
but we endeavour to ~~dis~~ ignore the
latter as much as possible, we
have there is due a lawyer in
Edwin for H. D.'s paper, but as
yet it has not been advertised
& all we can hope for is that it
may not wound away any
of the contributions that

legitimacy belong to Boston,
if it gathers up such ones
which would not be ours under
any circumstances, we can
have no objection to the scheme.
Julia Griffiths is to come to super-
intend; - she gets lost for a few
months & then reappears with
her old virulence in some
fresh quarter - but her power
for mischief is very much
diminished here & elsewhere,
I fancy. - Have you ever read
Mr Chamber's book entitled
"Slavery & Colour" in America?
he sent a copy to the Standard
& we were always hoping to
it reviewed, we considered it
an important work concerning
the quarter volume it demanded,
and then think it would
be reviewed in the Standard
or Liberator? my absence from
home this summer have a
little interfered with my regular
study of am. papers. If it has not
been noticed - we should be
much obliged by thy suggesting
to the Editors the propriety of
its being done - it would en-
courage W. C. to know that his

labours are appreciated by the
most tried & faithful of the
A. S. labourers. - If the book has
not reached you there must
be some mistake in transcribing.

We were very much interested
in hearing of the new Carolina
ally & Anti-Slavery literature.
We should like much to have
a copy of Hillyer's book if there
is an opportunity of sending
it - we do not get American
books very regularly or promptly
through our East. booksellers
& think it may be the best
plan to employ you if you
will be so kind as to send us
any we may want & in paying
the Liberator &c. we can easily
remit the money. - I was very
much interested in the sketch
of the Dred Scott case & its bearing
in M. A. E.'s letter - it summed
up previous information & afforded
around our disgust ^{at} with you
governmental proceedings - What
the contribution on your nation
may be, we trust to contain
- plate - Sometimes national

Contributions are permitted to
come suddenly & perceptibly
in kind, as for example, the
present state of matters in East
India where the atrocities
perpetrated by the natives are almost
a reflection of those inflicted on
them under British rule. It
is a blessed thing to remember
that there is a little salt left
yet in your corrupted country
which preserves the nation -
Oh! how we wish that you could
dearably sever the North from
the polluting contact of the South
& stand forth pure & free! - Will
thou give our united ^{dear} ~~to~~ ^{to Parker Pillsbury}
love to W. L. Garrison & his family
& Mrs. Helen & her sister, & our affec-
tionate remembrances to every
of our friends among you who
remember us. - Hope dear P. P.'s
health is better - I am sure it
would not have contributed
& it for him to come to the
uphill conflict, (without the
manliness & glory of yours) while
we have a wage here. I suppose
Mr. Chapman might commu-

is not to them and objection
or fears as their coming to
this country for the winter
as was proposed - being ^{here} without
his wife & family would be
very undesirable; - I should
like an special message
of affectionate remembrance
to him - I hope to write to him
soon - his friends often speak
I think of him. I see poor
Elihu Burritt has received
some strictures at the hands
of the Standard, just ones
 doubtless; but perhaps not
needed as we get the that so
few really A.S. people have gone
off to the scheme of compensation
it may go on a little time
& then doubtless will pass away
with others. Kindred which have
gone before. - I must not add
more - but hope to resume
before long as I have tidings
& give of dear Mary Estlin.
With them ever with the haste of the
believe me with much regard,
Thine very sincerely
G. W. L.