

P.S. I hope we shall get Frederick Douglass here again before long
I have a meeting in aid of the League
Exeter 3^d Dec. 1846

From Rev. Francis Bishop.

My Dear Friend

GARRISON
MSS.

135 I was very sorry not to have an opportunity of
seeing you again before you left this country. I should
have gone to Liverpool to share in the gratification of
the Friends who had then an opportunity to testify
to you on the eve of your departure their deep respect
for you, but my Dear Wife was at that time confined
in a sick chamber, having shortly before given birth
to a little daughter, to whom we have given the name
of Caroline Garrison Bishop. I need not tell you why
we have given her her second name. May she prove
worthy of it, & ever cherish a heart of sympathy for
the ~~down-trodden~~ down-trodden & oppressed ~~of~~ all the world
over!

By the Steamer that takes this we send the better Chest of
contributions for the Bazaar which I hope will ^{arrive safely} prove
acceptable. I will not state any particulars respecting them
as I am soon to write a few lines to Mrs Chapman with
the Inventory which I intend sending to her. I am sorry

to write you so hurried a letter but tis almost Post
time, & I have besides a great press of engagements,
I am heartily glad the ~~less~~ ^{in this country,} ~~at~~ ^{shakish} attempts
to whisper away your reputation have so ~~very~~ ^{signally}
failed. I believe that the great majority of the members
of "Orthodoxy" congregations even, who are at all informed
& interested in the matter, as well as the best & most
enlightened of their ministers, are thoroughly disgusted
at the attempts to crown your ^{voice} by the malignant
cry of "Infidelity!" Dr. Campbell, though he has a share of
manly independence which we cannot but like, has shown
himself very susceptible to the influence of the leprous poison
the certain ~~poison~~ ^{poison} has poured into his ear, & ready to
uphold the prejudices thus imbibed, with all the senseless,
rocky stubbornness that usually characterises such blind im-
pressions. But tho' his influence is great with the less in-
fecting multitude of his school, there's, thank Heaven, too much
anti-Savery light about us now, to prevent the true character
of this ferocious state he has ^{blindly} aimed at you being seen, even
by his admirers themselves. The suppression of your Reply has
amazed & bewildered many of his readers. If he goes on thus,
his ^{own} influence & reputation will soon be in the past tense.

There is an excellent article in the Eclectic Review of this
month on Religious Fellowship with Slaveholders. The Eclectic
is edited by Dr. Thomas Price, a Baptist, & is a Periodical of high
literary reputation amongst the cultivated portion of Orthodox
Nonconformists. The article is thoroughgoing in its condemnation
of the Alliance, & rebukes the calumniators of yourself &
George Thompson. By the bye, I rejoice to hear, by a letter from
the latter recd this morning of your safe arrival in America.
I can imagine your exultation in approaching your domestic
threshold.

Must the progress of the League here will be such as to cheer
the heart & strengthen the hands of your noble band of
faithful fellow-labourers in America. I shall deem it an
rich & blessed privilege to give what little support may be in
my power to a cause so man-loving & God-adoring. Oh! when
will the time come, that Christians shall practically ac-
knowledge the apostles' sentiment - "He that loveth not his
brother, &c. &c." You ^{have} doubtless heard of the pro-
ceedings of the British Branch of the Alliance at Manchester.
Man-stealers are to be excluded. Well, better late than never.
But how is the testimony weakened! What timidity, what laxity
of principle, to shrink from speaking out in the presence of pro-slavery men,
& then to ease conscience by venting indignation in their absence!
It is impossible to avoid the conclusion, that had it not been for the

agitation in which you & Geo^r Thompson ^{are} nobly & the van of
Essex Hall, &c. the ^{United} ~~Principles~~ ^{Christianity} have been allowed to
wear the mantle of "Evangelical Duty" in Britain, as else-
where.

Henry Clapp lectured on American Slavery at our
atheneum in Essex, on Saturday last. On the whole, the
lecture was good, confined to broad principle, & calculated to do
good. But his liberal, party predilections came out a little at
towards the close, the speaker calling all ~~us~~ connected with
slavery, indiscriminately, man-stealers. He mentioned some who had
liberated their slaves, & asked whether we ^{could} call them man-stealers, a month
before this act of justice. At the close of his lect. made a few remarks
commendatory in general, but expressive of dissent from some of his
sentiments, & asked him whether he would ~~not~~ ^{hesitated to speak} of one of our re-
formed Quakers as a Quaker, a month before his Reforma-
tion?

I find I cannot possibly write before Post time - & this is the last post by
which I send - to Mr Chapman. This I regret. Will you have the kindness to send
her the enclosed inventory. I do not like to have mentioned some of the
interesting circumstances connected with the donors, but for the reason
mentioned cannot. The sheet is directed "Mr Chapman, Federal Street,
Boston, America" & the carriage is paid. I have not yet heard from
the gentleman at Liverpool of its shipment, but I have no doubt he has
properly attended to it. Mr Bishop who is now quite well again desires
join me in love to you & Miss. she will ~~also~~ allow as to all the
Mr Garrison, ^{also,} with a prayer that Heaven's Blessing may be on
your labors, I subscribe myself, my dear friends,
Yours most sincerely,
Rev Bishop.