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My darling you all at Park Street
this Adam year's eve
I am with you in the spirit
of your dear father
on this holy eve
I hope you are
happy & my
dear as ever
I am
at this instant

to thank you for your
last kind letter & enclosed, with
out a moment to comment
upon them. I fear I was not
explicit in the one you showed
Mr Thompson. He appears, at
least, to have misunderstood it, which
is always the risk when one
reads what was not intended,
I therefore ^{not} instinctively fitted, for
our case. When I spoke of
an amelioration of the symptoms
I did not mean to express any
less terror or less caution about
the disease — which is deadly.
When I spoke of careful &
tender treatment of ignorance
& inexperience, I did not mean

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M. Chapman
All haste
to you & family
M. Chapman

to express the least indulgence to
mischievous & selfish hypocrisy.

You say "Mr. Thompson knows
what he is about". I have
known him much longer
than you, & his best excuse
in this matter is that he does
not know what he is about.
Though I am sure he will soon find out.
You say I exaggerate the
interest of the quakers in these
matters. So far from it, that I
do not suppose them to know
or care further than to set
a hand to watch, & to act as
that sentence directs. They were
of very little consequence. They
were down & should have been
kept down. Integrity & policy
were of one accord as to that.

Dear George is foolishly setting
them up again. While wish-
ing to find Mr. Chesson a pillar
of the cause, I cannot but see

How very inexperienced he is.
But I always hope the best of
Good will. I wish he did not seem so
embued with respect for what is
of no consequence. I am obliged
to Mr. Thomason for his politeness
in sending the reporter; if he
is polite enough to call to see
me in Paris, I shall have
the pleasure of thanking him
in person. But I fear these
mutual politenesses would be
merely game mutuelle. The real
bottoms of the inkhorn, as the
Spaniards say, is, that, let the
history, principles, course, ruling
influence, motives of the
British & foreign Soc be what
they may, their Secretaryship
is always worth £ 800 per
Annum. Now while I feel

calling "What I regret in these happy family experiments at Manchester is that they put Thompson in a false position. They make him seem like a false prophet."

the friendliest & most indulgent feelings towards Mr Chamberlain. Of course I can feel no such security in him as I should do. We had a £600 secretaryship offer him. That would make all that at once. He sees & knows what is right & love too, perhaps, - feebly; of course he would be happy indeed to be on the right side - if he could afford it. Now if he were the sort of man to see himself starving for the cause's sake, without the least hope of remuneration from I should see the importance of his services. No other sort of man can serve it. This is the great difference (minus eloquence & piety apart) between such a man as George Thompson & such a man as Chamberlain. The former can starve for Wholeness sake - the latter has not got down to that "mark of the pidge of our high