

47 Park St. Aug. 17 - 1857.

My dear Mr Chapman,

We are rejoiced to hear of your continued good reports of your brother, which will enable your party to enjoy with unanimous minds the refreshing country life for which they have been pining. It makes me too happy to think of their being at last in the midst of these scenes to be impatient for the time when they will again exchange them for a dusty street & noisy thoroughfare, which will appear to the greatest disadvantage after this taste of the charms of an old English country mansion. Still it is a satisfaction to know you are on your way to us, for there are hosts of things accumulated to talk about; & ever since my return I have been plying with questions as to when Mr Chapman would be here? One person is going away on such a day, another can't come till such a one, & a

third not stay after such a time; & each
will seem to consider me bound to avert
the disappointment which would attend
their missing you. I smooth their agitation
in the best way I can with promises of
giving them early intimation of your ap-
proach, & providing every facility within
my power for the gratification of their ambition.
I find Miss Tribe's pupils "mine" in the
Ladies' A.S. Com. ^{are} advanced a good deal in
their A.S. education thro' the help of Mr Grant
^{they} being roused to ^{each} a high pitch of indignation
with Scoble for appropriating their work,
that they can now conceive all manner of
evil deeds being perpetrated by him. Mr
Grant sent us a paper for you some days ago,
& two more to-day with the accompanying
letter. The first should have been forwarded
had I known any ^{fuller} address than "Embury
Park." Mr Grant & Mr Matthews will do your
heart good I know with their articles! Miss
Tribe is at work indoctrinating the Editors
of the "Patriot" - the organ of the Congregational & Baptist
whom she says has promised to take up the
subject of the Broad St. shortcomings, & whom
she has set to study Mr Grant's articles. We

must draw his attention to this last forth-
with, keep up the fire in other quarters.
Mr Webb has written a letter of comment,
on Mr Tappan's statement, for us to get
into the Bristol Examiner for my Father
was not strong enough to get our proposed
answer ready last week, & as we cannot
get any reply from Mr G. Thompson there
has been no means of completing it. We must
wait, I think till you come to our aid.
My Father is not in very working condition
but I think he is rather stronger than
when I came home, but a very small
portion of bodily or mental exertion
incapacitates him for the remainder of
the day. We have had the treat of seeing
Miss Pease, & appreciate her as thoroughly
as you do, & as Mr Webb thought that you
ought, & that you didn't. She has returned
to her Aunt in London, we mourned at
having only portions of two days to spend
in her society, but we did a good deal of talking
& studied up Mr Grant's ^{sayings} & ^{sayings} & ^{sayings} & ^{sayings} & ^{sayings}
full of the idea of a fresh organization, & especially
of the hint you throw out of Mr Wendell Phillips
coming to start it, a project which sounds

so cheering, & so certain of being fruitful with
benefits to the cause, that I for one should
feel it a most legitimate appropriation
of any funds entrusted to us for its pro-
-motion in bribing any mesmerist, hom-
eopathic, or hydropathist, whose words w-
ould avail anything, to persuade Mr W. P. that
a voyage to England & sojourn in the island
would effect her cure; & I would go so far
in devotedness as to take her under my ~~own~~
^{own} auspices as long as her husband would
go about the land enlightening ~~our~~ right minded
but deluded people. There has been a little
skirmish between Mr Richardson & myself
with which we will amuse you when you
come, & also with my Father's letter to Mr
Young, whose wife has just died; as the poor
man is not likely to be concerning himself in
our controversy at present. Miss Carpenter
is coming home at the end of the week, which
I rejoice in for your sake, my Aunt writes
that she shall come to Bristol whenever
you do, & the Parkers are coming to the
neighbourhood to the wedding of a young
friend, so I hope you will find a few com-
-panions capable of supplying some of our de-
-ficiencies. I forgot to mention before

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Miss Pease left £5 with me to hand over to
you for the Boston Bazaar. Perhaps Miss
Carter has received some communication
in reference to this subject from Mr. H. Thomas
who seemed alarmed lest some contributions
Miss C. once spoke of consigning to her should
find their way to Boston thro' some other
channel. Having faith that the Bazaar
would not be defrauded of its treasures
I took the matter of whether we packed other
peoples drawings for it, or whether they
did it themselves, with an indifference which
greatly disconcerts Anna who seems to sup-
pose her honor at stake on the size of the
box from Bristol, ^{since} the details of ^{Miss Pease's} ~~which~~ being
the province in the A. S. field that she assigns
to herself, in which she ^{will} labors so assiduously
that I take every precaution not to disabuse
her of the myth she holds - that she is the sole
agent in the matter, - lest it should paralyze
her zeal. Her brother Russell has been spending
the last week with her, & consequently has been
buzzing about us. We however avoided any
fruitless discussions with him. He promises
to correct the error in Mr Parkman's name in
his next letter, treating the matter very lightly
saying "of course" a misprint that every one

would perceive! Miss Peale was staying ^{while} here with a cousin who looks upon Miss A. Weston as a melancholy evidence of the deleterious influence of "lib. communications," so the former seemed glad to come to us heretics for a little sympathy. I laughed at the "flimsiness" of people's opinions where they are afraid of contact with anyone who does not hold the same.

But time fails for gossip; we must reserve our stores for viva voce communions which it is sweet to be able to look forward to. Our united love to each & all your party, & kind regards to Miss Carter, whose tender concern for me in Paris I retain the liveli-
est remembrance.

Ever most affec^t your
Mary Estlin.

We have taken out one of the papers intended for you, to enable us to send both ours in different directions. It will be provided with one for reference. If you wish to have it forwarded to you or any given address I will obey your orders, meanwhile it is in safe custody. There is not, as I fancied, any note to you from Mr. Green, so he must have meant you to see this to me. I conclude, which does not contain much important matter.

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