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Saturday

My dear Mr Chapman.

I meditated a long letter
to you, but I can write only a few
hurried lines just to tell ^{you} how
"the cause", - at least my little busy
self in it, - goes on.

My special mission, as you know,
is, to keep Mr Grant up to the mark
& in good humor with ~~the~~ earnest
A.S. people: which involves keeping
him, as much as possible, at variance
with the Scobleite party!

We are getting ^{on} capitally in putting
Scoble into "a fix". I am sure he is

very uncomfortable. On Monday last
he called on Abigail, bringing his
brother & Henson, & declared Mr
G. was taking away his character
by admitting E. Matthews's letters
into the M.A. without first
all sending them to Sable to know
if they were true!! Matthews's
Articles are more & more corroborated
by evidence we have called for him.

Henson too was chided Mr. G. in
reprobious strains, saying that
the M.A. articles had "stopped his
supply". Mr. G. was clearly how
bellow Sable is, & into what difficulties
his schemes about the Dawn Insti-
tute have brought him.

On Thursday, at his request, Mr
Matthews & I took tea with Abigail.

Happily, he seemed to take to L. M., &
heard about Dawn, of which he knew
nothing, though printing so much
about it - I got L. M. to tell the
story of his being lynched to the
party - by Miss Grant, a Miss Sherman
& ourselves - It took admirably.

M. did it very well, exactly touching
the points that would interest M. G.
who said that had Noble allowed
M. to tell that story at G. Hall,
it would have had more effect
than all the other speeches, & he
would take care to let ^{this shining} ~~that~~ be known,
some day, in a leading article.

I pretend he wishes to meet
L. M. "face to face". I have begged
L. M. to accept the challenge for
next week, he bringing G. Thompson

Mr. James & myself as his friends,
while he is away being an unli-
mited number. I do not expect
to be troubled

I have just been sitting on
beams with Mrs. Golden & Mr. C. (Mrs.
G. is anxious to get up an English
petition in behalf of D. & Frances, &
expects some signatures from the
nobility.

I went to Mr. Schelcher on the
day I rec'd your note, & with Phoebe &
Kate, was ushered into his bed-room
where he was writing the history of

"The crime of December": ^{the sheet on} ~~an~~ ^{evening} ~~with~~
here, The Jewina (the Bow Street
magistrate) & Mrs. - his son in law
(an aristocratic clergyman & son of the
Bishop of Litchfield) &c. were here, &c.

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² were greatly interested in Mrs.

Mrs. Fendin has kindly offered to facilitate
his seeing all the "Times" articles of Dec^r
at his own lodgings. -

Mary has written this morning
to me & says to ~~express~~ her regret
at being utterly unable, from pressure
of employments, to send a letter by
the next evening, she says kindest love.

Mary is more troubled than I
am, at your not exactly viewing the
value of Ed. Matthews to the cause
as we do: it is impossible for you
to ^{be} fully acquainted with the state
of things here. I believe Mr. M. is
doing, ~~the~~ not only the cause but in
general, but even "the Am. A. S. S."
as identified with it, more good than
A. Wendell Phillips could at this
moment! To us it is a great con-
31 fort to have the battle ground changed

for awhile, — to be able to fight with
ortho dox allies, with out lowering our
standard of union with the "infidel
School of Abols" Mathews's position
is showing out the real cause of hos-
tility, — almost universal here, —
to the Garrison party, — tho it does
not arise from their religious opinions,
but from their ^{own} fear of a disturbance
in their ^{Amⁿ: English} sects. I am glad Mr. Webb
has alluded to the secession of
the "F. M. Baptists" & others, in his
pamphlet —
(Sunday Oct. 4)

Last night, (Saturday) I had a visit
from E. Math? who on calling upon
Mr. Sherman, a popular or dissenting
Minister, yesterday, met Scoble
there, & was abused by him. Mr.
Sherman is the minister who
well disputed with D'Campbell
about the anti-slavery character

^{Mr. Sherman seeing the facts clearly}
of D. K. K. K. of Maine, Mr. M. is
to breakfast here to-morrow, when
we shall arrange about saddle.

To-morrow I purpose going to
Cohasset to see Mr. Crofts. Ellen
has been much out of health, & Miss
Lushington wished me to see her.

Miss L. says, the Co. have gained
universal respect, & she hopes they
will prof. another year ~~than~~ ^{at the school}

Their expenses for the first year
were raised, & I shall put forward
soon, an application for help for
the next year. Miss Lushington
said Lady B. will contribute for
the ensuing schooling.

Did you hear that the M. Co.
was attacking G. Thompson for
rather his election (Am:) about some
pecuniary compromise, of which

G. T.'s political opinions are
"an Army capital." I believe there
is nothing dishonorable on Mr. T.'s
part in the transactions: but the
British parliament, in, according
to the state of things here, a false
position for a poor man, & his
contending
getting down an election, is, (as
R. Webb says of L. Tappan's business)
"liable to unpleasant contingencies."

Mr. Thompson & Mr. Grant have each
charged one with friendly envelopes
to the other. The office of a co-between
is a very distasteful ^{one} to me, & I always
avoid it when practicable. Mr. G.
says, if he had not editorially found
fault with G. T. the attack upon him
from other quarters wd have been
most violent.

I mean to remain here till next
Saturday, if not needed at home before.

3^d) Mrs. Helen told me her friend Mrs. M. Montgomery was very ill. Mrs. F. herself seemed pretty well on the two occasions I saw her, but says she suffers a great deal, & ^{she} has been obliged on two occasions to put off spending an evening here. What ~~is~~ the real state of her health is, I do not know.

I feel so utterly incompetent to comprehend the pathological conditions of the "American Constitution" that I do not venture to interfere into them, or their therapeutic requirements...

Phoebe Parker is just departing to hear the Bishop of Litchfield preach. I have charged her to behave better than when she went last to hear a Bishop: - it was at Heidelberg, when she looked out

out of the Church (following me
I must admit) on hearing the several
choral tones of the B. of Madras -
(whose ^{hand} ~~head~~ a fair Henry's sword
had damaged.)

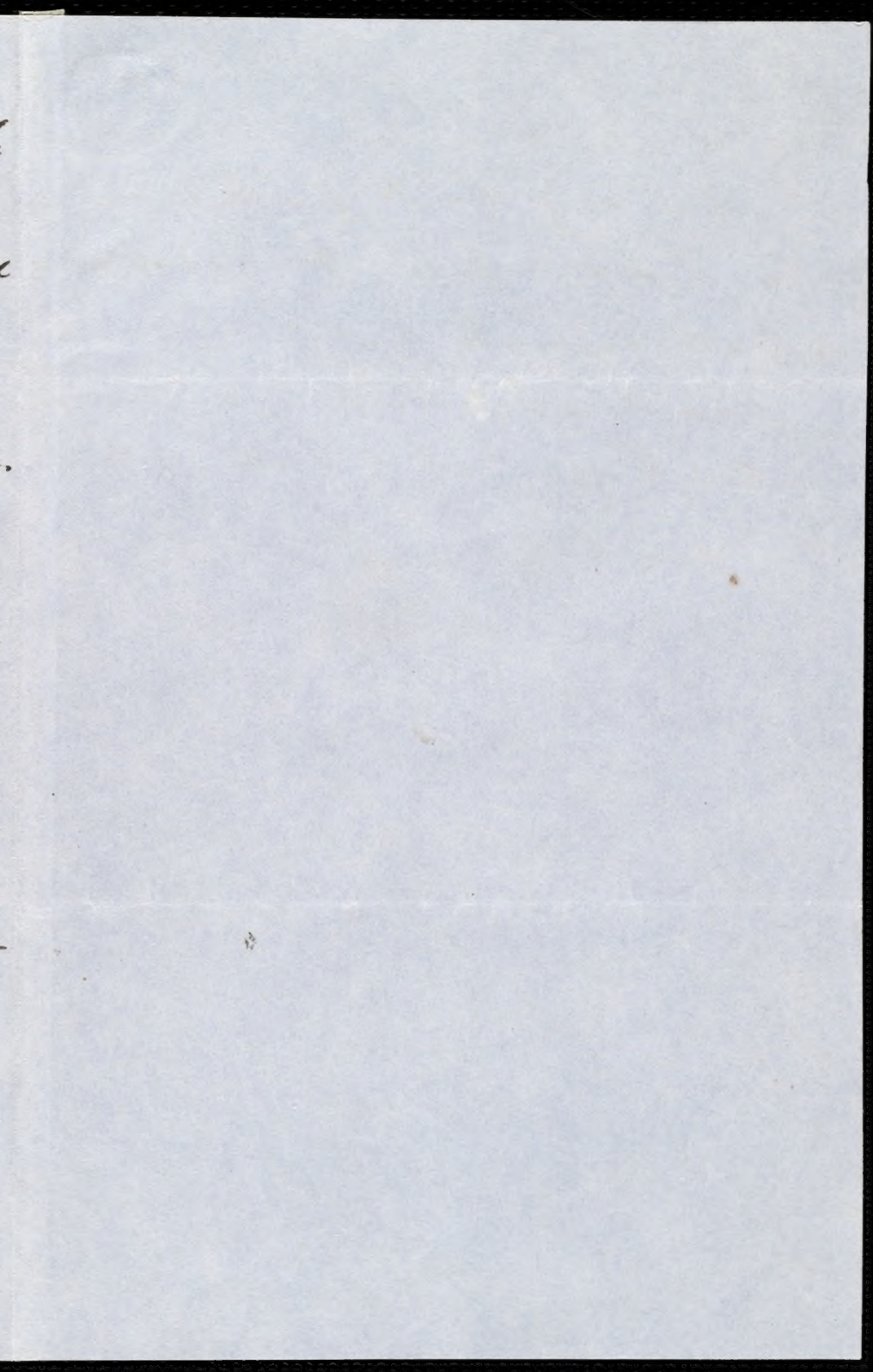
Wish the Ant. Parker join me
in love to you & Ant. Weston, & Linn.
& Lizzy, & to my friend Annie
and I am, my dear Mrs. Chap.

Yours

Affectionately yours

J. B. Cotton

I send some printed documents
& what letters I could collect.



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