

Roxbury, Jan. 31, 1868.

My dear Whittier:

I was very glad to get your reply to my letter, (the animus of which, and the motives which prompted the criticism contained in it, I was sure you would interpret aright,) though, as it was written by an amanuensis, regretting to see that you are still in feeble health.

I was not less glad to see your disclaimer as to George Peabody's restrictive and iron-bound erection of his "Memorial Church." It will place you historically "right on the record." The Independent, this week, copies approvingly your letter to the Transcript.

In the course of next month, I expect to give a lecture in Newburyport, in which case I shall certainly try to look in upon you for an hour before my return to Boston.

You have already seen, doubtless, a notice of the translation of our dearly beloved and greatly revered friend James Mott to "another and a better world." To say that he was one of the best of men is only to do him simple justice. His excellent traits of character were manifold, and beautifully blended. Seventeen years my senior, and as connected with the Society of Friends, (Hicksite,) his attention was called to the subject of slavery earlier than my own; and when the time came to organize a national anti-slavery movement upon the basis of immediate and unconditional emancipation, in Philadelphia, in 1833, no one of the delegates to the Convention was more ready or better prepared to affix his signature to the Declaration of Sentiments then and there adopted. For a long time, but very few of the signers (63) of that instrument were called to see "the last of earth"; but, within a few years, in accordance with an irresistible law of

nature, the list has been very much reduced. Of the 63, I believe 30 are now deceased. Nevertheless, that more than one half should have survived more than thirty-four years from the time of signing is somewhat remarkable, and very good evidence of their temperate habits. Of the 13 signers from Massachusetts, only 3 survive — yourself, myself, and Horace P. Wakefield. Of the 5 from Connecticut, I believe not one has been summoned hence. Of the 10 from New York, 7 survive. Of the 19 from Pennsylvania, only 6, I believe, are gone. By and by, all will have been "gathered to their fathers." More than two-thirds were privileged to see the total extinction of that dreadful system which they combined to destroy.

Yours, for liberty and peace,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

A. B. Do not put yourself, or your amanuensis, to the trouble of replying to this.

J. G. Whittier.

W. L. Garrison

I have not strength to write
more than ^{my} a leaf nobly to the world.

Mr Carleton received the letter
which with its enclosure, The man
whom I saw I read & I
was ^{very} sorry. I did not wish
you respect this. Mr C. explained
and then we feel assured if
I returned, & I at last told
him I would take it. He had
not been out if the time if an
hour before the letter of the
brother was read. I saw & felt
that I was by that letter
in the public eye committed
to what my judgment & conscience
did not approve. - I had no
attention but to not myself
right which I did in as
good a way which no
one has a right to complain
of. I made no "circumstances"
all is plain & open. I was very
much pleased about it.