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attempts which I sh^d care to tell you to hear about. We have
diligently mastered the contents of the Liberator's w^h we
missed during absence, then much delighted with some,
especially J. Parker's Convention speech, Whittier's Sabbath School
Miss Dale's letter &c. The recent ^{no} of the paper my Father
saw fit to have me ^{read} ^{by} ^{himself} along with the Refugee of Oppression
& continue venation to the Advertisement page. We have
also made some way thro' Moses Stuart's broadside, w^h Mr
Webb has so happily epitomised in his last letter to the Standard
Poor D. Webster ^{will direct} to have recourse to such a prop^r! But I
must not enter on communications, but adhere resolutely to
plain facts in this communication. Mr Webb has just
been in London, we hear from W. W. Brown who is in
full communication with us about his panorama
w^h will be completed in a week or two. My Father drew
up at least sketches, a little appeal for the Bazaar before
he was taken ill, in fact it was the last feather in the
weight of w^h he broke down the very evening he sketched
it. This appeal is to be published in Brown's description
of the Panorama & in future editions of his narrative
He & Mr G. Thompson approve of it just as we ^{wrote} ^{sent} it
I sent it at once to press. We did our best to condense
all that people want to know into the small compass
allotted, & to subjoin a list of receivers of donations.
It was rather dismal work to me prunning & drawing
out my Father's rough sketches while he was too ill to
discuss minutiae. It was it counted considerable
arranging & curtailing &c, & I never c^d get thro' above three
words at a time for some one up stairs & down stairs
from the half way post where I stationed myself, the
poor manuscript lay more than a week before
reaching its destination, however as it gives satisfac-
tion at last, there is nothing to lament. We shall prob-
ably get some copies of it ^{printed} separately to enclose in letters
where parties want explanation or stimulus, when
one is ready you shall see it. We find that Mr G. Thompson
is going to Boston next month & are grieved to think of your
disappointment at missing him. If you were dead
there how I sh^d envy him! I do a good deal as it is, but this

is departing from any prescribed boundaries. We have had an
apparition of Russell Carpenter here for a couple of days;
but he went on to join his mother ^{in the sea} on the south of Devonshire
as my Father was not well enough to look for more
than half an hour I was afraid to let him get upon
exciting topics during the interview, we have sh. learn
much of Russell's sentiments. He impressed us as having
been misled in not giving the Anti-Slavery movement the
investigation it demanded, as being ^{favorably} predisposed with
the leading members of it, in their individual capacities
but smarting in his ^{own} official position by their public
exposure of the short-comings of his ministerial brethren;
he admitted they were filling a place & doing a work;
that the nation stood in deep need of, but of course
thinking they might do it in much more unobjec-
tionable ways & win more extensive cooperation
Dr. Dr. D^r L. B. Hall of Providence has been here. He
preached us a sermon w^{ch} illustrated points you
dwelt on to us of the overreaching influence of Church
fellowship in your country. He identified, becoming
a Christian with uniting oneself to a church; & repented
with open confession of error before this Church, ^{not}
w^{ch} we have nothing whatever analogous. And there
was something ^{compelling} in his prayer for "liberty to the captive"
& then for the master & for the slave" w^{ch} left ~~an~~ ^{an} ~~uncertainty~~
uncertainty whether it was caused by his uttering
usual form in unusual circumstances, or
adopting an unusual ^{one} for the occasion. Charity of
course demanded the latter explanation, but at best
there was some of the particularizing the wild & seeking
individual guidance in dealing with them w^{ch} con-
-tinue my ideas of "effectual fervent prayer". We were
much amused to find that he was commissioned by Dr
F. Parkman to take an opportunity of informing Mr
Armstrong that his (Dr P's) views on the slavery question
were materially modified since the time when he carried
on a correspondence with ^{Mr. A.} on the subject (about 4
years ago.) That in fact he now accorded essentially with
his brethren in this country & could not now have written
the letters he did then! This is the story as it comes to us
thru' Mr. A. but the picture is as my Father ^{often} describes
it so completely of a piece with the other such things those
ministers are always saying that we can't doubt its accuracy

in the main features; & "sneaky" in the extreme it does
appear to send out a private intimation privately to
parties here (with whom his popularity has decreased
in consequence of his past course) - that now his people
have advanced a little he is able to ~~take~~ stand in
a more favorable light, "instead of making this announce-
ment in their faces & acknowledging past short-
comings openly at home. Your intimation of
the possibility of Mrs. Follen's making London her winter
residence was very exhilarating. My chief ground for rejoicing
does not consist in the circumstance that I sh^d stand
a fresh chance of seeing her from her being within a few
hours journey; but because I think her mere presence
there w^d effect a vast deal of Anti-Slavery work. The
society she w^d come in contact with (I mean especially
the Unitarians) are so intelligent & cultivated & take
such expansive views of most things that their prejudices
w^d arise in part from ignorance. In part from their
imperfect ideas having been chiefly imbibed from
Dr. Dewey, Gannett, ^{Parkinson} Rev. G. L. Ellis, &c. Fathers of that
school") are worth combatting, & susceptible of being dispelled.
And Mrs. Follen from the high position she already
holds in their reverence & love has an almost
unequaled weight to back her personal influence.
Among that set of people with whom we have not
been able owing to our testimony being second hand,
to make much way ^{in any way} tho' that branch to despair of progress,
with means of pushing the theme). We think from a
very sensible leading article in the last "Inquirer" headed
"The Slaveholder's last move," & from the very copious
extracts now appearing in that paper from A. S. publications
that ^{Mr. Labor} he had derived an added interest in the theme from
the interview at Heidelberg w^{ch} he expressed himself to
be ready to have repeated till he was made a thorough convert.
At any rate such added light as Mrs. Follen c^d impart, arising
from one identified with him in religious sentiments
w^d not be thrown away. Then there is Dr. Hutton who could

John W. Ellis & Dr. Gamble having been termed by Mr
Lieney once "hate of God & man" Ed. Adlar & several other
Unitarian ministers all with spheres for impacting the
own convictions. I mean to write to Mr. Labor as soon as
I can & ^{ascertain} how widely they are awake, but before vol-
-turing fresh correspondence there are 17 letters I have
just counted up to be disposed of; & while nearly ever
post brings something fresh, chances are slender
clearing them off at present. This epistle (as well as
the picture frames I mentioned) will I fear betoken
the fragmentary nature of the periods of production
but if so you will understand the ~~clude~~ the cause.
It was begun on Sunday & this is Tuesday; the day's pro-
-brought an application from Miss Wigham of Edin-
for some "Replies," in a letter inquiring the same old
changes whose notes assail us at every turn. The song
the Glasgow circular alone has done us harm ^{that} by
exciting alarm & jealous inquiry in some: "but a
"progressive feeling of disputed faction has been in the mi-
"of many for a long time respecting the religious argu-
"of the American Abol." This feeling has become so strong that
it has resulted in the Edinb. Committee withholding their
of contributions this year; ^{the} as a committee. The other in-
-vidual members are collecting as usual, but fear to
shall not have much to forward. They have written a
statements to Boston of the reasons for the division of
the Committee & are hoping to receive a response wh. will be
productive of good. We have had several American
flitting thro' our town, Mr. Prentiss of Keene, & Mr. Kirk
their daughter from New York. She mentioned being acquainted
with Mr. Follen & Mr. Chapman, but my interview with
was too short to ascertain what amount of sympathy she
had with them. Not much I conjecture on A.S. matters, but
I sh^d. like to hear more about her. There are topics ever
to fill trouble the number of these sheets, but it is high time
to send you all I have found time to pen; & I must
reserve ^{the rest} for a further opportunity, w^h. the 17 letters ever,
withstanding I will take care is with a distinct one.

Ms. A. G. 2. 25. 10

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I wish you were here to see things ^{come pouring in} for the Bazaar. There is a packet ^{thus impaled} just brought in from Bridport, labelled "from the children of J. P. Stephens". The Bridgewater people, I am concerned to find, are going to lend all their collection to F. Douglass, but I have to cloak all symptoms of disappointment, or it will be instantly affirmed we were prejudiced against them by you, & that it was much better to support ^{them} ^{rather} than help the Bazaar with w^h Mr Garrison is so closely connected. I was doomed to a good deal of this as it is, so take the greatest care not to provoke it. How I wish to describe to you the ^(if possible) deeper interest & clearer insight with w^h I have perused the documents in my possession (Mr Chapman's especially) relating to the history of your warfare; & my increased competency since listening to you, to put the bearings of the case in a forcible light to others; & how unaltered is every single impression from those imparted by my previous study. And I w^d gladly too make you sensible of some of the many ways in w^h ^{your} intercourse has been as helpful to me here as it was delightful at the time. But this w^d lead to needless & trifling professions of my restrictions & keep the letter, w^h is being finished up amid dabbings with Lechman, in indefinite time. Still people comment on our recent privileges, & want to know what Mr Chapman is like, some regarding her with mysterious reverence, others who have in mind Miss Martineau's assertion that "English air was not free enough for her to breathe" with the utmost curiosity. These latter I find it expedient, since a metaphorical interpretation is quite inadmissible to anyone regarding British soil as incompatible with ^{the existence of} slavery, to leave under the delusion that she is so constituted as to need a greater supply of oxygen than our climate

yields. The former, seen ^{as well as before} after my description to call
me a prodigy of assurance to have felt so perfect
ease in her presence, & that Parker (Gwen Phoebe) had
my ^{entirely} venturing to engage her in conversation
my own ^{own} ^{enjoyment} & edification, a piece of
presumption ⁱⁿ no conceivable circumstances can
have rendered ^{them} guilty. I can't help these divers
of sentiments, my own are unchanged.

Goodbye dear Miss Weston, give my most tender love
to each member of your circle & accept it yourself
from your ever affectionate

Mary Estlin.

Remember everything you will let us hear about
^{at all times} you is most acceptable, & we shall be greedily looking
out for further tidings.

Letter from
Mary Estlin
Pack St Bristol
Sept 17 - 1850
Just part of
Letter to second

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