

people that I know. <sup>part of letter</sup> Ned did in Walsden - his Deena O'Connell - she is never done abusing poor Dan. She would strike him as naturally bare as you could peel a potato (if you have any left to peel - as seen here). The last time I called to see my eyes friend - she was open mouthed as James Haughton for affecting with the Young Ireland Repealer - who scouted at his Anti Slavery opinions & contemptuously refused to <sup>allow</sup> any thing more about abolition ~~articles~~ in their paper - the Nation - and whose great clerical gun, Father Kenyon, is vauntingly proslavery. She accuses him of inconsistency, vanity, want of principle and what not - and yet I don't know the man who is more stern in his obedience to the promptings of duty than he is. I think you see distinctions which throw other people and that you should be very patient with their ineptitude to keep up to you. It would be bad for the world if there were not a deal of good in many who go astray from an engagement of their word of that character of moral vision which you possess.

I lent the books to my cousin Maria Webb. You will get no good of her. She is a very good woman - intensely evangelical - but she has got a twist in her mind which totally disables her from seeing how it is that she cannot consistently do her best to promote the American Anti Slavery Society & the Liberty Party both together. I thought Garrison letted Goodell very handsomely in a late Liberator - and yet I must confess that Goodell's statements



respecting the extent of the numbers, labors, and sacrifice  
of the Liberty Party, and of the ~~small~~ amount of talent em-  
ployed in its promotion conveyed the impressions too many  
heard, that if all this be true, it would be better you  
should frankly admit it, at the same time stating as  
plainly as you please your objections to their principles  
and mode of action. He says that you are unfair in trying  
to make it appear that the good body of the Liberty Party (at  
the west especially) are at all responsible for any faults or  
folly of the prominent men of the party, down east - or  
that the shortcomings of these men have any thing to do with  
the principles on which the Party conducts its operations.  
I have heard nothing from Goodell, from Clapp, or from any  
body that reconciles me in the slightest degree to the Lib-  
erty party - all I ask for is candid & fair play - and as  
detectors you are generally in the right, you can better  
afford both one and the other. You do not rely upon  
numbers and you need not - numbers are a poor support  
where truth & justice is not required.

I saw a set of the Liberator (16 vols.) lately offered  
for sale in that paper. I would greatly like to know what  
such a set could be had for. If I could get them cheap  
I would buy them - but I suppose even if I bought them  
they would be no easy matter to get over. Could you  
enquire what we know.



I read your objections to contribute to the relief of  
Destitution in Ireland - and although I could clearly  
understand the fault you found with the motion by  
which others were impelled, I could not see what  
special ground you had for refusing to <sup>in giving</sup> ~~join~~ except  
that on the principle that charity begins at home, you  
considered that the Abolition of Slavery has a claim upon  
you superior to all others - and that all you can give  
and all you can <sup>do</sup> care for this object is little enough. This is  
plain and tangible. But I would hardly do to say that  
you will keep nobody from starving who has been reduced  
to great deprivation or destitution by the faults of people  
in their own country, or any other. At least if you  
could ~~would~~ act on ~~any~~ such principle, you will find  
it difficult to explain yourself to the satisfaction of ordi-  
nary apprehensions.

Could you at your leisure, and without difficulty,  
let me know the fate of the letters that went out in  
the Dublin box? It was an old friend of mine!

Garrison writes ~~to me~~ that Quincy means to write  
to me by the steamer that leaves Boston tomorrow -  
so I lie in the expectation of a bucket of news

Yours ever truly

Richd D Webb



Will you be so kind as to have the following change made  
in the list of the Liberator

~~John~~ Matthew Gardiner, Esq. Queen Street, Dublin

instead of ~~John~~ Francis Gardiner, King Street, Dublin

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from Dublin<sup>y</sup>  
March 31<sup>st</sup> 1867

Part of letter

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