

Thursday.

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Dear Sir.

You must have wonder-  
ed at my long detention of  
your pamphlet. I have just  
arrived at home, after a six  
weeks' absence. I have lost no  
time in reading the interesting  
papers you point out to me.  
They are very illustrative of the  
state of feeling in the country.  
The editor, author of the second  
paper, so full of fallacy & assump-  
tion, is a Unitarian minister of  
considerable reputation; but, as we

ell, without strength to withstand  
the influence arising from his  
position among slave-holders.

He has for two years been  
boasting of the freedom of opinion  
on the subject in Kentucky, where  
some of the best men in the  
country have been unable to  
get a line into print, though  
they have not been quite torn  
limb from limb, for expressing  
their opinions in conversation.

It gives me pleasure to  
hear that you have derived

satisfaction from my book. I  
have endeavored to learn &  
to express the truth; & I have  
met with much more sympathy  
than I expected.

I have today heard from  
Dr. Blanning, who is in good  
health & spirits. His powers of  
body improve as his years  
advance.

My mother unites with me  
in respects to Mrs. Chapman  
& yourself. My aunt Lee is in  
the country.

Believe me, dear Sir, truly yours  
Harriet Martineau.

H. Martineau.