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Letter to Rev. D. Pearson

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My dear Sir

Barley Wood
9 May

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Be not clamoured at the promptitude of my reply. Alacrity in answering the letters, even of my best friends, is not a habit to which I am much addicted. The truth is, I am so overwhelmed with letters foreign and domestic, applied to me from the poor, the pious or persons in whom I have no particular ^{interest} and which are yet of some importance to them or others, that I am obliged frequently to renounce pleasure for duty. But your late most kind communication is, independent of my high regard for the writer, so exhilarating, that I cannot confine my joy and gratitude within my own bosom. You have afforded a refreshment to my spirits which I cannot describe. I hope my gratitude will be as lasting as my prayers have been constant, for this most important blessing. Ever since your honourable appointment I have begun to believe and to hope; but the progress has exceeded all that I dared allow myself to look for. The illustrious person has at times exhibited pleasing traits. I was early acquainted with his preceptors who told me

he had taste and learning; which in spite of what some good folks say, are in my opinion the best things to religion, tho with a long interval. I have also heard him represented as having strong natural feelings. So none of these things is the atmosphere of a court favourable, much less is it congenial to the purer elements of piety. O may he be all we wish, and hope and pray for!

Your situation my dear Sir, as it is a most honourable, so it is a most difficult, delicate and trying one. His warmth of heart, and persistent kindness towards you, have however plucked out the thorns and briars which lay in your way, and will I trust make your path far more smooth, than with your strict principles, and as bending purity there was any great reason to expect. I doubt not that He who seems to have raised you up as an instrument for this great work, will by his Holy Spirit assist you in carrying it on; and that in a scene of no small temptation, your faith and rectitude will not only remain unshaken, but go on prosperously to the perfect day. As

for as intercessory prayer is available, and that it is available, who that believes the Bible can do it. You are spared of the pains prayer of thousands. My mind is so full of Brighton associations that I have already taken down my nicely bound Buxton for a fresh reading, that I may affirm myself more with you and your parents. The price given to that book, as well as to your sermon are to me quite a test. There is no human motive for flattery for you may say with Hamlet

Why what preference can he hope for me? You may depend on my honour and my discretion as to the portions of your letter which cannot be kept too secretly secret, and I am flattered by the confidence you so kindly repose in me. Mr. Wilbur will tell me the day before your letter arrived, of course Brighton was one of our most interesting topics. If "Moral Sketches" should find its way where you mention, it should be the 8th Edition. - I cannot make out what of the Town Chaplain is removed. Mr. Blomberg was for some years my near neighbour and a more hopeless character for a Royal Chaplain or a Parish Minister could not easily be found. It requires much grace and some

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for the best
time, to wear out the imperfections of such deplorable
society. - It was a peculiar mark of regard to
invite you to a dinner composed of 50 free persons.
In a word people pass muster, and the distinction is
much less. I hope you will revive his acquaintance
with literature, especially now he is become a void person.

I was much gratified yesterday with a visit from
my old friend the Hon^{ble} and Rev^d Dr. Stewart
from Canada. It is pleasing to hear a man of his
high birth, mention it is a matter of advancement
that he is now appointed Travelling Missionary
instead of a local one, in a transatlantic province.
It takes in a large and laborious circuit; he
has been the honored instrument of assisting in
the building of 24 Churches, in that remote
Catholic district. He says however that from
Montreal to Quebec there are 20,000 Protestants.

I have much intercourse with most of the
American Provinces, too much for my time and
strength, but Mr. Wilberforce exhorts me to keep it up
as a good duty. They seem to advocate rapidly both
in mental cultivation and in religion. The Episcopal
Church flourishes. They have now five Bishops.
I have lately sent a present of books to the
Bishop of Maryland; they have sent me a complete Delaney
my writings

Your saying you had just seen "Bible Rhymes"
advertised, makes me fear that Cadell has added
to one or two other ommissions, that if not sending you
the copy I ordered before publication. In this per I
have ordered Hetchard to supply the neglect. — I was
prevented on account my own judgment to send it to the
press in a sadly unfinished state. As soon as I saw
it in print I felt all its deficiencies. and not myself
considerably to enlarge if not to improve. Impudently
I printed a large Edition, so that my additions are
kept back; they will make it more of a whole, even if they
add to its impudencies. Our friend S. Wilson, is like
you, indignant at the title, which he is pleased to
call "very dispiriting." but I thought I could not
give too humble a name to a thing of so little value
I had a mind to call it Amitties, but I thought
the word might not be intelligible to some of my
young readers.

I must repeat my cordial thanks for the most
reversible pleasure you have given me. I may say there
is scarcely any subject so near my heart, because I
witness it to be of the widest extent and highest
importance. May God of his infinite mercy to a
large portion of the civilized world grant that the
progress may be constant however gradual! We must
not expect too much or too soon. Great allowances
must be made for great temptations and inevitable

habits, but to Him whose power is infinite like
his many other things are possible. I beg my very
affectionate regards to Mr. Peckham. You did not tell me
if your own health was improved. I thought you poorly
when I had the great pleasure of seeing you last.

Wm. A. Moore
May 11. 1821.



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The Rev. Dr. Peckham

Brighton

Wm. A. Moore



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What a joy that you could not assist at the Society's
Festival! I have never else heard there has never
been a finer display of talent, or piety.

Yours ever my dear sir with true esteem
and friendship
Wm. A. Moore