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Amelia Wright

My Dear Cousin

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Your acceptable letter of 30th of 3^{mo} received some time since and is now before me for reply and as I am generally punctual in my correspondence you will please have the kindness to say to Aunt Martha from me, that I have none of her pleas and my letter is unsolicited, and that she will not find any necessity on my part in keeping her so regularly answered if you do not particularly say whether you really found my Day of Specimens to meet your expectation and interesting to you - I am glad to hear that your health has so much improved and good health and a contented mind are the two great points in life - We were heavily incumbr'd by the Commerce Crisis of the past year but have rubbed through it, and the Commerce hereupon now looks bright again, and we hope that the present year's business will make up the loss of the last, at least so much as to give the present appearance - It is very far from impossible that I may yet visit Dublin, than which nothing would give me more pleasure, I am sorry to observe that Ireland continues agitated, and I fear that it will eventually end in a severe struggle, which I pray God to avert, as such events generally benefit more useful and ambitious adventures -

My dear has received and I am not unfeeling

It would have been consoling to my mind ^{could I have been in Dublin}
to have followed the remains of Aunt Rachel, to our final home
I feel a conviction that she has her place amongst the blessed,
and I should feel but too happy could I but make myself
believe that I had a like chance from a well spent life of
a happy eternity. I have had no letters for some
months from Ohio when I next write I shall make mention
of the \$8 remittance to which you refer my last advice
from there say that they were all well. If I recollect
right the Oracle the Dingle you mention as having deceased
was wife of John Dingle who lived with Aunt Margaret
Walton in New Row and Samuel Dingle I recollect by name
and reputation. I am gratified to be any remembered by
relations and beg you to give my regards to Abigail
Hewson and say to her that I indeed think Uncle William
getting along well, and give my loving remembrance to
your Father Aunt Anastia your brother and our
Cousins Knott and all my other relatives in general.
The political state as well as ser vice of the Island pro-
mises tranquillity, but all human institutions being liable
to mutation I can only say promise, certainly we
are doing much better than the neighbouring Island of
St. Domingo, and Jamaica you will have learned that the
latter give unlimited freedom to the slaves the 1st of the

present month and we have advised thence as late as the 21st
up to which period the blacks had refused to do any work,
without which we well know man cannot exist, it is needless to
speculate upon final results, but certainly that great moral
experiment has present gives but little prospect of success, and
fears much that riot and disturbance will occur this
the ensuing November

Enjoy good health and live temperate, in-
deed I am firm in the persuasion that regular living is the great
preserver of health, say abstinence not in both eating and drink-
ing, for Helicæ as many or more diseases are in-
duced by free eating than over drinking

I am this moment looking out about Signal
staff or telegraph which is in view from my window, and
observe that 2 Boats are coming in from England and
one from Philadelphia and it is probable that the latter
may bring us later European news than the former, as I
should not be surprised if she brought news of the arrival
of the Great Western Steam Ship which had to sail from
Bristol for New York on July 21, what a change may
be produced in navigation by the success of that experiment

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