

think Locke's metaphysics only very thin  
physics, yet I hold his practical works  
in very high esteem - He has as a politician  
rendered infinite service to his country

The last No. of the Christ: Ref. contains more  
matter tending to decrease ill-will to a  
very low ebb - than any I ever saw -

I am glad that it is the same individual  
who preaches up peace - & casts imputations  
upon the integrity of the Maurice;

What an injudicious attack was that of Mr  
Judge on Jos: Hutton for his letter on Supply  
in the Inquirer! It was so unfair! It is  
not necessary to think it altogether right in his  
language, tho' I think him much nearer the  
truth than his assailant - I am glad I was  
not present - I co. not have remained silent  
and should probably have made matters worse  
by all injudicious reply

Two of the worst lines I ever wrote are often  
in my mind in spite of their bad sense on account of  
the important fact it declares. } Best remembers  
Such is the vanity of great & small } to Madame  
Contempt goes round & all men laugh at all } truly yours  
Res<sup>d</sup> E. Tarrant - } J. C. Robinson

30 Russell Square  
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My dear Sir -

I thank you for sending me the book.  
Note the propriety of this expression - if you  
can honestly give a Lyman in spirit credit for the  
faculty of expressing himself properly - Had I thanked  
you for the book, that would have implied  
that it was sent as a present, which is not the  
case; but it is for sending it me - And so saving  
me the trouble of sending for it thro' Messrs. Parker  
who gets all new books for me - And being your  
debtor, I shall discharge the pecuniary portion  
when we meet - It may be weeks past, possibly  
months - In a few hours I hope to set off for  
Mrs Woodsworth - You will most likely be  
gone home when I return - between 2 or 3 weeks  
hence - You are too good to be in town  
then - Otherwise we could meet.

I hope after a few days - a week perhaps  
in town, to take a trip to Paris, and thence  
to the Western provinces - We meet at  
the Paris Crystal Palace perhaps -  
I shall most likely see you before I read

the book - Tho' I do mean to read it carefully  
I wish it had been modestly printed for  
tho' I can afford time to read it, and money to  
buy it, my postman can't afford space to  
pack it up - Wordsworth's & Coleridge's works  
are printed packably - Your book is printed  
like the nephew's life of his uncle

It is a bad omen - Of late all the best books  
have been printed in small type - <sup>all the</sup> ~~bad~~ books -  
You will not expect me to be a partisan  
But if I am able to do what I have always  
complained of I tenths of critics for not doing -  
that will not affect my opinion of the book  
The constant mistake is - That the Transcendents  
what is judged on Empirical principles and  
Vice-versa - As Locke remarks somewhere  
Every book must be found bad so judged -  
His criticisms are the wisest because they are  
the most impartial - By the bye - I will give  
you an Epigram from the Reverend - evidently  
by Schiller himself a Transcendentalist I translate  
from memory off hand - The metre is lame enough  
The Pentameter always gives more trouble than the  
Hexameter

Transcendentalists scornfully upon the Empirist  
But when their troubles arise, then he's their  
Pythias - God  
look down.

No one can fairly consider the merit of any author  
as such, who does not begin by making them a  
precept of his system - It is quite ridiculous to  
remark how constantly we see the limitations of the  
Calvinist reciprocally <sup>abuse</sup> each other for being what  
he is - At the same time one has a right to  
expect of every one who professes to give an acco-  
of a system that he gives the whole of it  
I wish I had seen in the Contents the reference  
to Hartley's Essay - The only one of his works which  
he himself was proud of - He praises Butler  
and as you know places Locke below Hobbes  
I would not be tempted to cut open a leaf before  
its time otherwise I feel curious to know  
what your line means -  
" Butler to be eloped with Law's Hartley "  
Law the Epigram has probably much in common  
with Hartley - But Will Law a far greater man  
more universal genius has more in common  
with Butler -

You are aware that tho' I presume to