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"Vows Not Words"

Therefore leave me here my husband
"Henry" for as three years since
thou "widowed" there are thy promises
"Thy marriage vows" recorded by
an angel's pen on high & must
be questioned in "eternity" remember

Thou has promised me also
again & again to fetch me from
from this house of bondage
of what avail to me are all thy
broken vows man - Thou said
thou would fetch me away long
ago. "Forget" Teach the lark the

tender dove

To leave its "wedded mate"
As soon shall forget to love
May by that bedding certificate of
ours, solemnly pledged my faithful
love, ^{to thee} also did thou, I in all
my "begin purity unsullied" &
unspotted by the world how can
"preserved for thee for the love above thee"
thou knowing all this neglect
to protect me as the laws of
England will demand & compel

then to me my own relatives
to take thee in hand & compel
thee to meet me in a court of
"justice" What a humiliating discipline
shall I make thee look at it
know it thou does know it
right well "thou ought to know"
Now thou does not deny the fact —
Now — Appeal thou to the fact;

If my words no late have told thee;
Words may to the winds be cast;
These though every hour repeated,
Never had held thy head so fast.

"Years ago I would not bind thee
Though thy pledge thou had me — ^{take}
lest some future day, should find thee
For thy honor's, — not my sake
Puncturing, before God's Altar, & breaking
Chains thou rather loved to —

Think not that thy love I doubted
"Even in its earliest spring"
But I asked myself the question
What will years of "waiting" bring
The trial ended thou the
Closer clung left "I do love thee"

Why then leave me here "destitute"
Look into the past and see
Heath thought of mine & labors
Since then were for us and not for me
Needs, not, bonds, have I received
Still me me by Needs United.

"I have kept my marriage vows
True and unsullied" As the
day I made them in presence
of many witnesses and also
of God himself. I want my wife
or my Brother to come to me & then
thou wilt see who is going to conquer
Don't tell me about hate & sin
Noble, thou art working hard to
keep those "Two poor women"
Since thou left me here what
has thou done married mother
and daughter both eh? - Ah
thou wilt always ^{be poor} of
thou sticks to them be a poor
hard working man, and not
have any either for they come of
the very best of all things they

Wife "Bury thee to death" as they
have the old woman ^{and} her husband
into here" & after that both of them
had such kind of worried her
old Brother in here
and if I must be in a Court of
Justice I shall go to both Mother
and daughter in here or in a worse
place." What is their just desert.
I have known all this of them
and much more than I can tell thee
by my own experience than had
used to caution me against being
intimate with such oily tongued
and chief makers as these two
for housekeepers, and such ^{thieves} who ^{steal} from
me now ^{and then} to call on them & not make
them welcome to my house, and
laugh at the little insignificant
poor old maid Ely. As she
trudged along before us from meek
and now their spite their envy & their
jealousy as worked they more "attractive
pipe" to thee I always said I should
in comparison with them to thee always
scarcely only think what means for them to be
oblived & work to thy, nor hope into

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— Leeds
W. Pashine.



Have written back of thy
last letter as I am short of paper
and also to confirm the truth of
my own statements that I am a
respectable ~~single~~ ^{single} daughter

ON THE SUBJECT OF THAT I
them to the more rational and profitable service of
God! The man who can deliberately put an end to
his own existence is justly considered insane. And,
alas! are you not equally mad, whoever you are, who
are refusing to perform the various duties God is re-
quiring at your hand, and are daily a step further on
the road to everlasting misery and woe?

In conclusion, let me urge on you the importance of
the subject I have been considering. Endeavour at all
times to live a life and conversation becoming the
gospel; endeavour to show by your hatred and renun-
ciation of sin, by your devotedness to the service of
God, and by patient resignation to his will, that you
are Christians not only in name but in reality. Strive
at all times and in every situation and circumstance
of life to "present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy,
acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."

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certainty of the coming of Christ to all mankind, for either of these purposes, that extends the charge of watchfulness to all men, as well as to the apostles, and that calls upon us aloud to keep our souls ever awake, "lest," as our Lord expresses it, "coming suddenly, he should find us sleeping:" and remember this, that, if we are unprepared to meet the Lord at death, we can never be ready when he comes to judgment. Peace and blessedness attend the watchful Christian whensoever his Lord cometh. "Blessed is that servant, whom, when his Lord cometh, he shall find watching."—*Watts.*

CHANGE OF HEART NECESSARY.—If any dream of being in a justified state, while as yet they retain an habitual fixed aversion from God, and bear no friendly mind towards him, this is a very idle dream—a very delusive dream—a dream which, if a man awake not out of it betimes, will prove a delusion unto his ruin and destruction. It is a misrepresenting the Christian religion throughout, to suppose that it should be only a provision made to change the states of men without changing their hearts; to bring men into a justified state, and yet to leave them in a state of enmity to God, and disaffection towards him, that they care not to come to him, to know him, to converse with him.—*Howe.*

If you do not come
to me without further
delay my "enemies" here will
swallow me up - I am the

youngest married
woman that they
have in this house
and they have not 1/2 day
younger in the whole
house than myself but the old decrepit grey headed
men are very mad against me as well as many of the attendants
who do nothing but insult and lie against me I have none ever since
I came we have now a charge one of my greatest
persecutors is head of the gallery
Lan in - he had lost one of my
enemies who left to the Germans
but this one is one of her
tutors & they only
are helping when
they can
enough

I am in
perfect health as
ever was in my life
but very much tried with the
persecution of enemies especially
of low women in this place - I wish to see
my Brother & hope that will catch him become to
me at once, if they will not let thee have me it is time
my own friends interpreted than know what a happy home thou
look me from of peace plenty always in & around our nice happy
Farm House but here they contradict & belie me every day - Now Henry
once for all thou knowest I have never had but one child born in lawful
wedlock three years after our marriage & we have now been married more
than twelve years thou knowest thou art the father of my child
& that we were married the 6th of May
1857 - & that our child was born the
6th of March 1860 that she died
the 15th of June 1861
It is my only child
that ever had

pages married the 6th of May 1857 —
Mrs. Maria Bennell Pollard
Am myself the eldest daughter of
Mr. Thomas Greene senior of Bore
Wedge Farm, Cranfield Bedfordshire
s^d Farm is two miles from the Village
of Cranfield I came to York Pl. under
escort of Mrs. Kitching the Matron
of York Pl. son Mrs. Town. the 3rd
of Sept. 1866. Since wth time I have
always paid for my accommodation
at York Pl. the sum of £550 per
annum, five hundred & fifty per
annum — Whereas for the accom-
modation of the Gallery I am in the
friends the proprietors of York Pl.
only charge £30 per annum
and the other inmates of this
Gallery are paupers and obtain
the sum of £30 per annum
from "The Friends Society"

Which circumstance my paying so
much overplus makes the other inmates
who have no cash of their own
envy and speak evil of me —
that continually the community wth
I have paid annually of £550 —
was ~~was~~ & is my own from my
own Father Mr. Greene's property —
and during last Autumn up
to last year my Father's Capital
to the amt. of ~~at~~ abt £20,000

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Dear Mrs L. I have much obliged for
your kind letter also for the having ano-
ther or two of those ready for me
they are hardly worth sending by Rail
as I am not in immediate want of them
You may have an opportunity before
long. I have not heard from Cranford
for along time, suppose they are much
as usual, have been busy writing
to Tasmania a bit at a time when I
could slip away they were all very
well when I last heard & Mr Sister Ann
desired her love to be given to thee
My dear Wife I do not write very often
but I am not unmindful of thee oh no
& never shall be thou art always remembered
at the Throne of Grace by thy Husband
& if it should please our Heavenly
Father to remove thy Malady at any
time none would make thee more
welcome ^{than} myself. Thine says, Thine
faithful & affectionate
H. Leavitt R.

and if thou wilt turn to him when
in any perplexity, from whatever cause
thou wilt find thou art turning to a
friend indeed; one who is very near
& ever willing to give comfort.

I heard last week that E. Bray
Haylar had come from Calcutta
& had been staying with 2 of his Bros
at Charlbury at Uncle Williams. I
think he intends returning some time
soon. We still have no improvement
in Trade in Leeds or in England in
fact. I hope they ~~will~~ have a good
Harvest Corn is rising in price
hope Bro Joseph will sell their Corn
in a good market they have some very
fine white wheat several ricks when
I was there out of 200 acres they
grow a large quantity of wheat Beans
& Oats, besides Turnips & mangle whorls
but thou knows all that. As indeed my
only dear house my father's house & of the field
All my love & am thankful to say I
am enjoying the best of Health oh

enemies &c - would soon go to the
Wind & thou wilt laugh right out
because they had ever troubled thee
may I live to see it & that right
soon. When thou feels disposed
to write me another nice kind
Epistle do - so - shall be glad to hear
from thee. We have word of the friar
back from the Y. M. E. t'ing it was
I suppose a very large & interesting
one. I called on Jane Brayshaw
a few days since, poor thing she seems
very lonely & is very much more deformed
than when thou saw her she had
a fall - hurt her spine she gets out
to meeting her sons come over to see
her pretty often, Co. Edwin & Catherine
B. desire their love to thee, their pretty
is going to Ackworth after next
vacation, she is 16 yrs of age & a nice
child they will have 4 at home then
With dear love to thee believe me to
continue thy affectionately attached
& faithful Husband
H. L. Leavitt R.

Will Henry what thou sayst about my dear
home stacks of corn &c. It now is quite
true, but what say is contradicted here
because none of my relations come home & also
because of quick & enemies mostly of the lower
grade we have all servants to rule over
us here and their word is taken before mine
only think how galling to a sensitive mind
to be always under the authority of inferiors and
I have been for three years under it all because
my Uncle William fears my relations & they often
compare me to their old withered old women
because I have a pale complexion & I
have Scurfiness, - and they say all man-
ner of evil against me falsely for instance
Eliza Payne that lived with my Mother
when I was a very little child &
Nursemaid for John Thomas the clergyman
kept two good servants & than
also Thomas & than kept me from a
home of comfort and plenty & every
luxury were at our command
to what I have to put up with here
well Eliza tries to belic me
out of every & white because she
^{imagines} I have been kept up better off than
herself so what both counts I fear
& this I have my portion & I have made
many attempts to get out of this home
place but they always send me back

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created the matter but Lord Canning
 would have told you my husband
 what a surprise it was to him he told
 me that the affair had been decided by
 a vote of the Council of the Admiralty
 and that when I went to the Admiralty
 my people had frightened up and down
 the side of the ship for some time
 before I came to him & they were
 saying that my husband was quite confused
 in the shop and could not leave at that
 time that I came down to the shop being
 the winter house and so they have gone
 on deciding him all along, if anyone
 would ask him a few plain questions
 he would find out that he must have been sitting long
 instead of Mr. Dr. Dr. took the precaution
 of giving me medicine to leave me as
 you know so that the heirs of my legions
 would not give an inflammation of his
 treatment did not improve my nerves at all
 now I am better I am thankful to say
 of my mind & body than when I came
 down I had a pain in my left side and
 know when I came & that is gone
 since yet people here are strangers to
 me & they think that because I am of a pale
 complexion I am not in health whereas
 I never have been any other way since I was
 a child and had the jaundice, but that
 is as right as the rest of their

judgement concerning me. If they wd only
ask my husband what he has the proof of
my wife's virginity when married to her?
Is she a virtuous Character? to all these
questions he answered me in the affirmative
when here at quays I much more told him
that some had even said I had more than
one child & he said my wife than has been
in thy life had but one child my child &
what of it he said if thou had a 1000 children
they wd have been mine I know that who
doubts that fact let them ask me I am
the proper person, but then it is no one
will have the humanity to ask him - I told
him I was slandered thro a wicked man the
said never heard what anyone says I know
thou art a virtuous woman & thou belongs
wholly & solely to me & no law in England
can ever take thee from me & said they
wd see when he had been to see me that
people wd cease suspecting me they wd
see I was a respectable married woman
but such is not the case they still suspect
me of something of which I am quite innocent
all that I want is to go in a court of justice
& hear of a certainty of what I am accused of
& what people mean by their slander -
Henry says he hopes I shall soon be restored to
him, but if he wd come & see me now I
sd I think he meant what he said but as he
leaves me now I am left to the erroneous
judgement of strangers most of the servants
I shall never be satisfied until he does come & see
me again & decide the matter for me he said he
wd come & see to it if I wrote for him to come up &
I shall persist in libelling my Character or his
meeting me & still they do this

Adly

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