

Mr. Bradford

Carrier Office

Dear Sir I thank you for your kind and in all points  
judicious ~~letter~~<sup>letter</sup>. In my last night's lecture I had just resolved  
to avoid myself of the yet still exceeded. I will try hard, that  
my next Monday's shall be within the limit - which,  
I fully agree with you, is the utmost that a lecturer ought  
to inflict on a subject demanding any elaboration of thought.  
Mrs Gellman, who was prevented from coming with us by  
sudden indisposition, had promised to explain my apparent  
regret with regard to the Lincoln Character - in short, the  
missing sheets, which she had herself seen, were sought for  
in all possible and impossible holes and corners in vain,  
and all we could discover, was that Henry had been  
seen burning some paper, or rather when the Trinder Smith  
on the 10th inst. evening he had dropped down off - and when  
the maid had told his Mother of, because she knew  
that it was <sup>one</sup> of the very few whispering matters in the  
house or rather natal care of this family. If it would  
be of the least service, if you will send me the fragments, I will  
complete them: for I have a distinct remembrance of all  
I wrote at that time, tho' I do not know what the facts  
are that are missing. My father's letters were sent  
long ago - years ago. I must apply to Mr. Spack - see  
how Mr. Spack supports the Catholic Cause - so I suppose,  
that the Cause will remain neutral. I try and try -  
keep my mind religiously open to every argument both

the progress of the (so-called) Lib. Emancipation, but still my  
conviction remains the same. I believe on my conscience, that  
the separation of Ireland from this Country would be a capital  
ultimate evil. I hope, I need not tell you, that no theological  
point enters into my ground of reasoning. Tho' they have  
adorned Tracts instead of tracts, and prayed to Becket and  
Cicero, I should not regard it as an objection. No! I see  
no objection which our House of Parliament would not  
have acted upon before Luther was born. - I have  
conferred with the best and wisest advocates of the measure -  
with more than one Minister of State - but never could get  
a fair answer to my objections, or an adequate  
counterbalance. - To make this, I can readily believe that  
were I the conductor of the cause, I might see justly  
reason for some very substantial.

I hope that some Saturday  
or Sunday Church or Church may lead, or  
Highgate-ward to, dear Sir,

Yours obliged  
S. T. Coleridge

P.S. Would it be possible (i.e. for you) to put any  
advertisement in rather a more advanced station?