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NEWSPAPERS UPON TYNE N&I 152

WILLIAM TURNER (Unitarian Minister)



Correspondence to.

Note: MS collection kept in Librarian's Room.

1. From the Revd. David Aitken. Sunderland. 30.6.1821
His appreciation of his friendship with Wm. Turner. He begs leave to consult W.T. on various subjects.
(a) Earnestly requests W.T. to assist him in obtaining a place for his nephew, David Aitken in one of the English Academies.
(b) A similar request for assistance in obtaining a Dr. Williams Bursary for the youngest son of his friend Mr. Johnston, Minister of the High Meeting at Berwick. The son's name is Maxwell Johnston.
2. From Charles George Allhusen. Liverpool. 22.6.1839
A plea for assistance in his present business and family troubles. The inference is that his 'brother'? Christian Allhusen has tampered with an original partnership agreement.
The Rev. Wm. Turner has added a postscript and forwarded the letter to the Revd. C. Wellbeloved at York.
3. From the Rev. W.I. Bakewell. 17 Young St., Charlotte Square, Edinburgh. 17.6.1826
A request to the Rev. Wm. Turner (as a Trustee of Mr. Jones's Legacy) to try to obtain an increase of salary for himself as minister of the Unitarian Chapel, Edinburgh, (at that time £130). Mr. Bakewell has recently moved from Chester, via Carlisle, (his furniture going by water). He was educated at York Academy.
4. From Lady Bell. 6 Ainslie Place, Newcastle upon Tyne (Only 'Sunday evening')
A Note of hand.
Lady Bell sends her respectful regards to Mr. Turner. She felt very sensible of Mary Holland's friendship when she found Mr. Turner's card yesterday. She hopes to have the pleasure of seeing him in Ainslie Place - and if he could kindly name any time that would suit him to favour Mr. Charles and herself with a visit, it would be a gratification. If Mr. Turner should be prevented coming out, Lady Bell will call upon him in Melville St. tomorrow when he is likely to be at home.
5. From Thos. Briggs. Ludgate Hill. 26.9.1829
Letter expressing shock and distress at the news of the death of a mutual friend of obvious merit, but not actually named. A son, James is mentioned, together with an unnamed son who had had an honourable Acquittal. The news came to Mr. Briggs through Andrew Morton (the artist who painted a portrait of Wm. Turner) who happened to be dining with the writer.
6. From Rev. Charles Brooks. Hingham, Massachusetts. 16.9.1835
Gratitude for kindness shown by W.T. when Mr. Brooks was in N/C, and offering similar hospitality.
A namesake of Wm. Turner in Massachusetts is making a request for a genealogy of the English Turners from which W.T. is descended.
The writer assesses the cause of Unitarianism in his part of America as flourishing.
A postscript message to Miss Harriet Martineau's sister (Mrs. Greenhow) saying how well Harriet is esteemed in U.S.A. by all who come in contact with her.
7. From Rev. Dr. Wm. Bruce. Belfast. 5th Sept. 1829
Ship Letter conveyed by Capt. Blackett.
Suggests that Wm. Turner had the idea of visiting Belfast in 1830.
Gives news of the Unitarian/Presbyterian Church Synod.
Remarks upon the political situation in N. Ireland.
An account of the marriage of his daughter to Mr. John Strong Armstrong.
Account of argument & "riotous assemblage" over the appointment of a new minister within the Synod.
- 8.(i) From Mrs. Anna Carpenter. Bristol. 17.6.1835
(ii) From the same. Bristol. 2.11.1839
Report of the death of the worthy Chief Justice of Sierra Leone, (assumed to be Mr. Edw. Rankin.)
An account of the health and whereabouts of Dr. L. Carpenter, on a winter tour of Italy.
(iii) From the same. Bristol. 22.5.1840
As Dr. Carpenter's widow, she is anxious to preserve the treasures of his religious wisdom, and perhaps to have some published by subscription.
Mrs. Carpenter was the wife of Dr. Lant Carpenter LL.D. Unitarian divine.

9. From Dr. Lant Carpenter. Bristol. 4.5.1822
 (a) Ordering 50 copies of Turner's Prayers for Families and discussing the means of their despatch from Newcastle to Bristol.
 Reference to Mr. Henry Turner (W. Turner's son), Minister at Nottingham, who had recently died.
 The writer rejoices to hear that Wm. Turner has decided to remain at Newcastle.
 (b) List of subscribers for copies of Rev. Wm. Turner's Sermons, from the congregation at Bristol.
 Reference to the Bishop of Durham.
10. From John Clayton, Town Clerk's Office. Newcastle. 21.12.1826
 Letter of thanks from the Mayor and the Common Council, for taking the trouble to analyse various specimens of water, in conjunction with Mr. Daghish.
 Addressed to Westgate Hill.
11. From Rev. George Cook. St. Andrews. 3.6.1833
 Requesting advice and help regarding Mr. John Williamson, a person of uncertain habits who was wasting money given to him for his ill-being, etc.
12. From John Cropper. Glasgow. 9.9.1839
 He had visited Newcastle and missed seeing Rev. Wm. Turner. He left documents with the Rev. McAllister in his absence. He requests assistance in the form of subscriptions from friends in Newcastle for the success of his chapel and congregation in Aberdeen.
13. From R. Doubleday. Barras's Building, Low Fell, Parish of Gateshead. 19.6.1822
 Concerning a quotation thought to have been from Ausonius, (but now doubted) which aptly described the characteristics of Mr. Turner's lately deceased son Henry. Other references are made to the works of Ausonius.
 Reference to a Mr. Liddel of Moorhouse (lately dead) and his attachment to the daughter of Gen. Stanwix, lost at sea with her parents on a journey from Ireland, and a curious law suit that followed that event.
14. From Wm. Duffield. Stockton. 10.4.1838
 A letter of introduction of Mr. James Clephan to Mr. Turner. Mr. Clephan, son of Mr. Clephan of the Stockton Unitarian Church, is moving from Leicester where he has been working with a liberal newspaper, to become the editor of the Gateshead Observer and Mr. Duffield recommends him to the Revd. Wm. Turner.
15. (i) From Lord Duffries. Hemprigge, Wick. 11.3.1840
 Letter of thanks for information about old fellow students at the Academy (Warrington). He would be pleased to see Mr. Turner's Record Book with respect to all that happened at the Academy. This to be conveyed by Mr. Thomson, who was about to begin his ministry at Wick.
 Reference to Sir Hugh Munro, now living in London with his only daughter, whose legitimacy case has moved on appeal to the House of Peers.
 (ii) From the same. Hemprigge, Wick. 20.6.1819
 By way of confession of faith. He had been Wm. Turner's fellow student at Warrington Academy.
16. (i) From the Bishop of Durham. Bishop Auckland. 4.10.1830
 Some persons had taken offence at the Bishop's allowing his name to be published as a subscriber to the publication of a volume of Wm. Turner's sermons. He had no notion that serious offence would be taken. He affirms his personal respect for Mr. Turner's character.
 (Note on the fly-leaf in Turner's shorthand).
 (ii) From the same. Bishop Auckland. 2.11.1836
 Enclosing a printing of the correspondence passed between himself and his Arch-deacon at Durham, on the controversial issue of his (the Bishop) having subscribed to the publication of Rev. Turner's sermons.
 (iii) From the same. Bishop Auckland. 9.11.1838
 Thanking Mr. Turner for sending him a copy of the Gateshead Observer.
 The Bishop further enlarges on his views of the controversy over his subscription to Rev. Turner's published sermons.
 He confesses that he has been a reader of Unitarian books, mentioning Dr. Lardner, Mr. Cappe, Priestley and Channing. States that he has had a letter from Dr. Lant Carpenter from Bristol.

17. (i) From Rev. Wm. Gaskell. Dover Street, Manchester. 24.3.1840.
Writing in compliance with the wish of the Committee (possibly of the College) to ask what year of the College Course Mr. Carr will qualify to enter, - either the proper Theological Course, or an earlier year and remain for a longer period. (Ref. is to Manchester New College)
- (ii) From Rev. Wm. Gaskell and S.D. Darbishire, Secretaries of Manchester New College 6.11.1840
Relying on Mr. Turner's continuing interest in the College, they request that he will take an early opportunity of preaching a sermon in H. Sq. Chapel, and making a collection on its behalf. The removal of the College from York has been attended with heavy expense, and Mr. Turner is requested to draw the attention of his congregation to this matter.
- (iii) From Mrs. Eliz. C. Gaskell. Manchester. 6.10.1832
Thanking Wm. Turner for his good wishes and the kind interest he takes in her. Mention of Aunt Lumb. Reference to Mr. Turner removing to a different house. Refers to her new home and married status, and to wedding presents she has received. Sends love to Ann Turner and wishes to be remembered to the Rankins, the Eldonites, the Allhusens, Mortons and Carrs.
18. From Revd. Richard Gordon. Gateacre, Woolton, Liverpool. 20.10.1784
Lists a number of subscribers to a vol. of sermons by Dr. Loochman. He sends felicitations upon Mr. Turner's marriage (to Mary Holland). Provides information on the Leek affair, and irregularities therein, regarding votes at a first and second trial in the Court of King's Bench. Sends cordial respects to Miss Mary Swanwick.
19. From Revd. Philip Harwood. Bridport. 18.1.1839
Sends names of friends desirous of subscribing to a vol. of sermons Mr. Turner is about to publish.
"With earnest hopes that your health & usefulness may long continue; - long enough to witness some moderation of the prevalent spirit of ecclesiastical intolerance."
20. From W. Henry. Manchester. 26.4.1836
Regarding a letter lately addressed to Mr. Henry by Mr. Looney, adding his testimony to that of Mr. Buddle as to the perfect safety of Mr. H. Davy's Lamp for use in coalmines, so far at least as respects its principle, a little doubt being thrown upon its efficiency. Mr. Henry wonders how far the legislature should interfere in matters of this kind, which is probably a matter for the coal-owners. He asks for Mr. Turner's judgment in this matter, knowing the latter's great interest in scientific matters.
21. From Edward Higginson. Hull. 17.9.1837
Seeks to explain his several absences from the College at York as a visitor and examiner. He is a schoolmaster as well as a Minister and feels the irresistible pulling of his family connections. He has been pleased to read Mr. Turner's Eclipse Sermon, & to know how much interest it had caused. Sends Mr. Turner a copy of one of his own Tracts which had been reprinted by the Unitarian Association.
22. From Mrs. Kentish. Bristol. 23.4.1827
Her nephew Edward has gone to Newcastle, and has carried her letter to Mr. Turner. Expresses her close friendship and appreciation of Mr. T. and his family. Mentions the state of health of Dr. Lant Carpenter and his wife, Minister at Bristol. Exchanges family pleasantries and greetings.
- 23 (i) From Dr. Henry Holland. London. 2.12.1826
Refers to the long & distressing illness of his Aunt, and how much he could wish to help in alleviating the distress and advising on the treatment. She is under the care of Dr. Ramsay and Mr. Greenhow. He gives news of his own family & his father.
Political Economy has swallowed up other branches of Science - so little is being done in any of them. There are scarcely three working Experimental Chemists in London. Astronomy & Geology are somewhat better off, but in the other departments of natural science there is much less actual progress here than in either France or Germany.
References: to Brunei & his work on the Thames Tunnel. Dalton has been awarded the first Royal Medal of the British Society. Herschel and Sir H. Davy mentioned.

- 23 (cont.) (ii) From Dr. Henry Holland. London. 20.9.1827
Concerning William Turner (Jnr.) and his enquiries about York Street Chapel. Henry H. is going shortly to Knutsford for the christening of his youngest daughter.
He has recently returned from a rapid journey by land & sea, in Scotland, Ireland and S. Wales, 1200 miles in 12 days. He visited Prof. Myloe at Glasgow.
24. From T.C. Holland. Loughborough. 1.4.1838 (nephew of W. Turner)
Introducing Mr. J. Clephan, editor of the Leicester Chronicle who is coming north to be Editor/Manager of the Gateshead Observer. He is highly thought of in Leicester. He comes from Stockton.
25. From Dr. Joseph Hutton. Leeds. 17.4.1822
Condolences on the death of William Turner's son Henry plus news of family, common friends and acquaintances.
- THEOPHILUS LINDSAY. See Letters b9a - r.
27. From the Rev. R.E.B. Maclellan. Edinburgh. 3.10.1840
He sends to Rev. W. Turner some documents and transcripts which he asks Mr. Turner to transmit to the Secretaries of any eligible congregations which have vacant pulpits, with particular reference to Bristol congregation.
Mr. Maclellan is seeking a fresh pastorate.
28. (i) From J. McAlister. Liverpool. 3.11.1837
He has been appointed as Assistant Minister to Mr. Turner at Hanover Sq. Chapel and looks forward to arriving in Newcastle. He will travel by steam packet to Carlisle and then by the new railway. He speaks of his anticipations of joining in Mr. Turner's religious & literary work and drawing up plans for working together with him.
- (ii) From the same. Newcastle. 24.9.1840
He writes as Mr. Turner's Assistant Minister to J.T. who is visiting Glasgow where George Harris is Minister. He gives pastoral news. The Hanover Sq. congregation were delighted with Mr. (James) Martineau on the previous Sunday.
- 29 From Thomas Madge. Norwich. 25.4.1823
An appreciation of Mr. Turner's son, Henry Turner's sermons. (Henry was Unitarian Minister at Nottingham).
An appreciation of the good qualities of William Turner's son in law, J. Gooch Robberds, (husband of Mary Turner) minister at Cross Street, Manchester. He had been Madge's room mate at York College.
- 30 (i) From Benjamin Marden. Glasgow. April 1822
Concerning the publication and orders for copies of the Rev. Henry Turner's sermons He disapproves on one, Macmillan's being made a lay Preacher near London, as being not a fit person for such an appointment. Mr. Lyndman has been expelled from Dr. Wardlaw's academy for Arianism, and would seek an employment as an usher in one of the Ministries' Schools.
Rev. Marden is glad to learn that the widow of Henry Turner at Nottingham is being cared for by friends.
He does not know what the Edinburgh people will do when Mr. Holland leaves them. Presumably this is a reference to Dr. Henry Holland, Hon. Phys. to the Queen, a connection of the Turners
Edinburgh cong. are giving up their Chapel.
Mention of one Mallison, and Baty Carpenter.
- (ii) From the same. Glasgow. May 1822
He writes of his great sorrow at the death of his beloved wife, in childbirth. Of congregational matters at Glasgow and Edinburgh.
- 31 From Dr. James Martineau. York. 16.5.1827
Concerning his proposed visit to Newcastle, he intends to travel from York on the Highflyer, and pay his own fare, and stay with his mother in Eldon Square. Perhaps the latter or Mr. Henry Rankin will meet him.
He is willing to administer the rite of the Lord's Supper at Hanover Square Chapel.
- 32 From John Mitchelson (The Revd.) Alnwick. 1.9.1840
He has had a congregational invitation (to preach), and quotes to Rev. W. Turner his reply that, "the texts meet with his approbation" and "though my manner of preaching is 6,000 miles from the popular" the Unitarians at Alnwick "appear to think that their number will increase", and he is pleased.

- 33 . Notices addressed to Mr. George Moor.
(a) 11.3.1822. From Wm. Hutton (member of Hanover Sq. Chapel) to G. Moor to attend a meeting of the Cong. to discuss a letter from Rev. Turner to his Cong. respecting an offer made to him to succeed his late son as Minister at Nottingham Chapel.
(b) Concerning a subscription to a bust of Mr. Wilson, to be presented at a Dinner in Gateshead.
- 34 . From Henry J.W. Moorhouse, Medical Practitioner. Stoney Bank, Nr. Huddersfield. 24.12.1833
He is interested in and studying the history of Dissenters' Chapels. He had read an article by W. Turner in a Monthly Repository, Volume 6, p. 22 on the Mill Hill Society, Leeds, and had hoped to find another. He is interested in the Memoirs of the late Dr. Priestley, and asks for information as to the source of further information. Mentions the Theological Repository edited by Dr. Priestley.
- 35 . From the Duchess of Northumberland (the mother of the Duke). Syon House, London. 1.10.1814
The Duchess of N'land received Mr. Turner's letter with his address to the children of the Lancastrian School, and sincerely hopes that the excellent admonitions contained in it will be attended to and prove beneficial both to the children and to their parents. It gives her much pleasure to hear so favourable a report of the Institution.
- 36 . From the Bishop of Norwich. Norwich. 29.10.1838
To. W.T. "I sent you yesterday a copy of my letter to the Arch.B of Canterbury, because I thought you might wish to see the manner in which I spoke of you to His Grace. I trouble you again merely to state that as it is not intended for a public document, I wish you to consider it as private and confidential to yourself and by no means to be circulated or allowed to pass out of your own hands, without my express permission. I remain, Yrs. faithfully, E. Norwich.
- 37 . From the Rev. Charles Caze Nutter. 24.6.1836
An appeal for help from "your Fellowship Fund" to assist the cong. at Atherstone to meet financial commitments re. repair, etc. on their Chapel and House. Mr. Nutter is Minister at Hinckley, and has to meet expenses of travelling to Atherstone to take their service once a month. etc. etc.
- 38 . From Dr. N. Phillips. Sheffield. 16.11.1831
Warning W. Turner about a man and wife named Wm. Bell, who had swindled Dr. Phillips a out money and goods he had loaned or given them. He thinks Bell may turn up soon in Newcastle and try to do the same tricks on Mr. Turner. Dr. Phillips is greatly alarmed by the appearance in Sheffield of the cholera.
- 39 . From Rev. J. Pringle & others. 1830
Letter to the Gentlemen Trustees of Lady Hewley's Charity, for a grant of financial assistance on behalf of Margaret Duncan, widow of the late Revd. David Duncan of Sunderland, who left her unprovided for, except for a single annuity of £30 from the Society for the Dissenting Ministers of Scotland.
- 40 . From Ann Rankin. The Forth, Newcastle. 31.12.1828
Requesting Mr. Turner to accept the gift of a chair from his friends.
- 41 . From Rev. Dr. T. Rees to Rev. William Turner, Jnr. (Halifax). Forwarded to the Rev. Wm. Turner. Newcastle
The writer has just received two copies of the printed sermons of Wm. Turner senior, to which he was a subscriber, and complains that his name does not appear in the list of subscribers.
He offers to assist with the heavy expense of further printing and agrees to contribute £25.
The letter bears notes in Wm. Turner's shorthand.
- 42 . From Matthew White Ridley. Westgate, Newcastle. 1.9.1810 to Isaac Cookson, Jnr. Mayor of Newcastle
He encloses a letter addressed to him (M.W.R.) by the Vicar in respect of the title of the School to be established.
(This probably refers to the Jubilee School 1810, of which W. Turner was a promulgator).

43 . (i) From Rev. C.W. Robberds. Mansfield. 1836

A letter from his grandson, recounting his visit to Mansfield Chapel where he had been preaching as a candidate. The matter not being settled, he thinks of taking a pulpit at Donchester for a short time.

He hopes his grandfather has had no return of illness, but is concerned that W.T. had gone down to Chapel in a hackney, which he would not usually do.

(ii) From the same. Mansfield. 10.11.1840

Letter to his grandfather mourning the death of Mrs. Rankin (of the Forth, Newcastle) the head of a famous family who worshipped at Hanover Square. The Wakefield family, no doubt, are cousins, for Wm. Turner's father had been minister at Wakefield, when W.T. was born.

44 . (i) From John G. Robberds (son-in-law). Manchester. 8.11.1838

Congratulating W.T. on the friendship shown by sundry editors who have done their best to advertise W.T.'s volume without expense to him.

J.G. Robberd's son Charles has sent his father a copy of his first publication of a short controversial sermon.

(ii) From John Robberds (W.T.'s grandson). York. 29.11.1835

(a) Written nearly all in shorthand, except for a postscript in longhand, saying he sometimes walks in York Minster. Sends greetings to his brother Charles and his Aunt Ann.

(b) Written in shorthand, from Yeovil. 11.1840.

45 . From William Shepherd. Gateacre, Nr. Liverpool. 1.12.1838

Concerning further subscribers to a volume of Turner's sermons.

46 . From Thos. Swinburne. Gateshead. 1.6.1827

Concerning the affairs of the Fund for the assistance of Widows of Dissenting Ministers, to which fund a sum of money is owing by a Mr. Ferguson.

Quotes from the Act of Parliament provisions 33rd Geo.3 Cap.54, Sec.10, dealing with such debtors.

47 . From Rev. J. Tate. Richmond, Yorks. 24.4.1820

(a) Mention of Miss Mary Meadley's obituary of a deceased relative.

(b) A communication of V.H.M. to the Monthly Repository perplexes him.

(c) Mention of Edmund Paley and exchange of letters with him regarding the Chalmerian edition of his letters and works. He objects to Chalmer's clogging of Dr. Paley's ^{with} A Clergyman's Companion on Visiting the Sick.

(d) Mentions a volume of Gassendi's Epicurus.

(e) Concern over attempts to pull down a tablet which is connected with the late Mr. Meadley.

48 . From Ann Turner (daughter). Sat. 21st May, 18-?

Ann admits that she has looked in her Father's pocket book and saw an account of some transactions with regard to the New York Stock, which together with a letter that she owns she should not have read, makes her fear that he has been obliged to sell the Stock to meet some obligation because some needy person has prevailed upon his kindness. If this is so there will then only be the money in the Society's hands remaining of what he had. Ann looks forward with anxiety on his account lest he should feel obliged to continue his duties at the Chapel long after he feels able to do so, because he cannot do without that income. Yet if he suffers unworthy & improvident persons to take advantage of his generous nature, what will be left to make his latter years comfortable. Ann regrets that she is not such a good manager as her (step)mother was, but she is anxious about his habit of giving away money to the undeserving. She asks if he will transfer the rest of his savings to her brother for safe keeping, and then it can only be used for her father's benefit. She craves his forgiveness and says that she has addressed him in writing, which is better than speaking.

49 . (i) From J.A. Turner (nephew). Manchester. 24.10.1823

His nephew writes to say that his fiancée's father is not likely to live long after a stroke, their marriage plans are altered, and their wedding will be much sooner than arranged and he explains fully the reason.

Thanks his uncle, aunt and Ann Turner for their kind wedding present.

(ii) From the same. Manchester. 27.5.1834

He replies to an enquiry about suitable width of calico to make blinds for the Natural History Society's rooms. He sends his uncle a £50 bank note (for which W.T. must have made a request) and trusts his uncle will use it for his own comfort and not to enrich some knave who has taken advantage of W.T.'s good nature. He would like to preach to his uncle on "worldly wisdom" and implores him to say "No" when asked to lend money. And much more on being prudent over promising money.

49. (ii) cont. He describes the success of their District Provident Society, and the condition and character of the people in the area of Oxford Rd. where he collects. News of his family.
- (iii) From the same. Manchester. 3.3.1838
He understands that his uncle (Wm. Turner) is determined upon going to Bristol for the next meeting of the British Association, and discusses plans for accompanying him. He hopes to do a ramble with his uncle, and confesses that his company and cheerful views and fresh air appeal to him more than crowded rooms & dinners at Bristol. Business plans and family news.
- (iv) From the same. Manchester. 7.11.1838
He encloses a £50 bank note to assist his uncle in any little difficulties he may have!
Expresses interest in the discussion reported in the papers respecting the 2 Bishops and the publication of W.T.'s book of sermons (see envelope [16]) and goes on to discuss the merits of such publication.
50. To his wife - Jane Turner. From Manchester. 6.7.1822
Wm. Turner's daughter Mary Robberds has recently moved house and is expecting a baby. W.T. has persuaded his daughter-in-law, Catherine, to go with him to visit Mary, for the latter is far from well. They have had a consultation with Mr. Partington who advises rest. W.T. mentions "my sister Turner" twice, as living in Manchester. W.T. had travelled with Catherine from Nottingham, by the coach Lord Nelson. While there he had visited several friends.
W.T. says he has some curious particulars to give about poor (James) Martineau and his earnest desire to be a minister. Great doubt is expressed whether his parents will consent. In the present stage perhaps it will be as well not to say any of it to his sister (Harriet Martineau) or Aunts.
51. From son Henry Turner whilst his father was staying at the home of John Speddings Mirehouse, Nr. Keswick, Cumberland. Sent from Dublin. 30.7.1810
Written in shorthand.
52. From Rev. William Turner Junior. Halifax.
5 letters written in shorthand:
Nov. 1837
July 1838
Oct. 1838
June 1839
Halifax, June 1839.
53. (i) From Rev. Thomas Watson. Whitby. Oct. 1818
He advises W.T. that he goes to preach at Stockton the following Sunday. He goes with some reluctance as he is acquainted with both sides of a dispute.
- (ii) From the same. Whitby. 25.5.1819
He encloses his check [sic] to cover certain annual subscriptions. He enquires about W.T.'s Bank for Savings. He hopes W.T. will be able to visit him at Whitby. He mentions the death of a Dr. Adams (in a Newcastle paper).
- (iii) From the same. Whitby. 2.6.1821
He encloses a check (cheque). He says that because he has been subscribing to our Association for 53 years he should be exempt from further payments. He hopes W.T. will visit him on his way to York, and Mr. Thomas Watson will show him the rare plant dwarf honeysuckle on the Salters Gate road to York.
Sections of this letter are missing.
- (iv) From the same. Whitby. 2.2.1824
He regrets not having had a reply from W.T.
Encloses "one of our guinea notes".
He continues well in body, but his memory is defective, which involves him in some difficulties. He fears his dotage is coming upon him. He refers to W.T. as a phrenologist, and should value his opinion.
54. (i) From Revd. C. Wellbeloved, Principal of Manchester College, York. York. 24.7.1838
Accepting W. Turner's invitation for him to visit Newcastle, saying he will be happy to assist W.T. and his fellow minister, Mr. McAlister. He mentions that neither of his daughters can accompany him.
- (ii) From the same. York. 11.1.39
Advising W. Turner that Mr. Thrush wishes to subscribe to the publication of W.T.'s sermons. Refers to the unpleasantness caused by the Bishop of Durham's name appearing as a subscriber to the volume.
Mentions severe storms in York with much damage to the College and other properties.

55. From I. Wilkie. Newcastle Dispensary. Surgeon. 14.1.1834
Thanking Mr. Turner for the gift of a volume of sermons of the late Rev. Henry Turner (son of W. Turner) following Mr. Wilkie's endeavours to relieve the suffering of a fellow friend. Refers to W.T. as "a Divine of such distinguished Piety and Learning".
56. From John Wright, Unitarian Minister. Alnwick. 22.10.1831
Advising W.T. that the Alnwick congregation had not yet secured a permanent minister. They were offering only £30 a year stipend. Wright had suggested that it could easily have been increased. But some members seemed alarmed at an offer of more than £52 p.a. He describes the finances of the Alnwick Church, and says that a new minister would give a new impetus to the cause.
- * Nos. 57 & 58 see end of list
The following letters dating from 1771-1803 are from the Rev. Theophilus Lindsey,
car of Catterick, Yorkshire.
Nos. 59a - 59n are addressed to the Rev. William Turner of Wakefield, father of the
Rev. Wm. Turner of Newcastle.
Nos. 59p & 59q are to Rev. Wm. Turner, Newcastle.
No. 59r is from Mrs. Lindsey.
- 59(a) 19.11.1771
He writes of his attempts to gain support for his petition to Parliament, from persons in Leeds and Bradford.
Describes the consequences of a great rain storm at Catterick.
- (b) 21.12.1771
Further concern over the Petition. Mention of a Mr. Lushington, and Ed. Law, the Bishop of Carlisle's 2nd son-in-law. Reported that the Univ. of Oxford reserves itself to "demolish us at one stroke". Lord North determined against us. Mention of Dr. Chambers, Rector of Achurch, a Dr. Ibbetson and Dr. Priestley.
- (c) 24.4.1772
Concern for gaining support for the Petition.
- (d) 10.5.1772
Concern over the progress of the Petition. The Bishops of London and Lincoln against it. Mention of Thurloe, Wedderburn, Dr. J. Priestley.
- (e) 7.8.1772
Concern for the progress of the Petition. Mention of Dr. Dickens, Archdeacon of Durham and a sermon by Mr. Heyrick of Gainforth. Speeches by Mr. Stanley, Lord North and Mr. Bourke.
- (f) 13.7.1773
Mention of an Act being passed in the senate at Cambridge. Query about news of Dr. Priestley in his new abode. Dr. Lindsey invited to Alnwick Castle. Mr. Jebb wishes the Dissenters would apply again to Parliament.
- (g) 10.8.1773
Dr. Priestley mentioned.
- (h) 17.9.1773
Mention of a second edition of The Apology. Mention of Methodists and High-fliers, and Dr. Priestley & his family being dangerously ill.
- (i) 12.11.1773
He expresses his design to try to gather a church of Unitarian Christians out of the established, which may be composed of numbers of other Churches also, & may attract some Philadelphians. Suggests for the first time his intention to go to Town (meaning London).
- (j) 12.12.1775
Mention of Dr. Priestley as sitting beside him. Some paragraphs about the American War of Independence. Mentions a meeting of dissenting ministers at Dr. Williams Library in Red Cross Street. The Apology. The Feathers Society.
- (k) 28.6.1775
Contains comments on the follies of the American War of Independence made in a letter from an unidentified writer from New York, 25.5.1775. Mentions Governor Carleton, General Gage and encounters with the Indian tribesmen. Dr. Joseph Priestley had been to Colne.

59 (l) 24.3.1776

Adverse comment on the War in America. Mentions the existence of Rev. Wm. Turner's two sons. (One became the famous minister at Newcastle, who founded the Lit. & Phil.).

Postscript to this letter: Relating to a reference provided for a young man desirous of bettering his acquaintance with Miss Esther Milnes, with a view to marriage.

There is an additional separate note about the young man.

(m) 30.1.1777

He is still delayed in the purchase of a Chapel. Friends had given £50 and £100 towards it. Facts concerning the War in America from Dr. Franklin at Paris.

(n) 11.3.1777

Mention & comment on American War of Independence. Dr. Priestley talks of leaving London soon. Mention of Dr. Price. Dr. Kippis is concerned with the new edition of Biographia Britannica. Bishop of Carlisle's preface & Life of Locke.

59 (p) & (q). To Rev. Wm. Turner, Junior of Newcastle.

(p) 9.11.1794

He has received several letters from Dr. Priestley since the latter's arrival in America, with mention of some of Dr. Priestley's news.

(q) 7.1.1795

Thanking him for copy of Mr. Wood's sermon and memoirs relating to "your excellent Father and his writings". Dr. Priestley (letter from Northumberland, Pennsylvania) says he has been offered the place of chemical professor in the college at Philadelphia, but had hesitated to accept it, the salary to be £500 sterling.

(r) From Mrs. Lindsey. London. 4.1.1803

Writing on behalf of Rev. Theophilus Lindsey, who is failing in health. His friends and his books are his most lasting resource. Mention of a letter from Dr. Priestley, said to be suffering from the symptoms of advanced liver disease. Mention of Mr. Evanson's book "Reflections on the state of religion in Christendom".

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57 & 58 Letters relating to:

(a) Wm. Turner's lectureship at the Lit. & Phil.

(b) The dispute between R. Beilby and Wm. Bewick in which Wm. Turner acted as peace maker.