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"I BEGAN the publication of the *Liberator* without a subscriber, and I end it—it gives me unalloyed satisfaction to say—without a farthing as the pecuniary result of the patronage extended to it during thirty-five years of unremitted labours." These were Garrison's words when he brought his editorship to a close. The contrast is curious between the barrenness of Abolitionist journalism and the immensely profitable circulation of the Abolitionist novel. There can be no doubt that with Garrison's vigour and readiness in writing as an ordinary journalist, he would have made a good income. It would have been rank ingratitude to allow a great servant of the country and of humanity to close his days in penury. The sum of thirty-one thousand dollars was raised for him by subscription, and if he had hesitated to accept it, he would have done a wrong to his fellow-citizens.

In 1867, Garrison went to rejoice with his friends in England over the triumph of their common cause. He met with an enthusiastic reception in all parts of the country. In his mind, at all events, the baseless belief that the English people were on the side of slavery can never have found place. The attendance at a complimentary breakfast given him in London,