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| Sunday May 26th 1872
8 Southboro Terrace. Carlton Grove. Peckham

My dear Engels

My chief business with you yesterday concerning De Morgan[a] I left without performing. On my return home I received a letter from him announcing additional bad news—the death of his youngest daughter. “Troubles never come singly” is an old adage. A little money was sent to him this week from Dublin and last week from Middlesboro and London by me. I sincerely hope that the necessity for aid will cease to exist after a few weeks.

| I will certainly take care in future to strongly discountenance too much zeal or any action likely to produce martyrdom. Time enough for martyrs when we can feed them or buy them funeral show.

Darbyshire[b] of Manchester is the only one who up to this has given any assistance and for this Dupont[c] is to be principally thanked as it was to him I sent the sheets.

No matter how Hales[d]’s recent discreditable action on this matter may result, I shall not forget it. To prevent assistance being rendered to a brother worker who ruined himself through his devotion (what Hales woul [d] not do) was the act of a narrow-minded and mean-hearted fellow. When the bills were issued for the Cork strike he did his best to throw cold | water on the effort and in letters to me drew attention to the fact that several English trade societies were then on strike but mark you trade societies which had no connection with the International[e]. However he will not be surprised, I hope, if I repay his generous conduct in as generous manner.

About De Morgan[f] I am naturally anxious that whatever little assistance we can render should be sent as quickly as possible. The last and second sovereign I received from you was on the 10th. I cannot call to-morrow but hope to hear from you. I was delayed in Marylebone last night and did not reach home until 2.30 this morning. I am just now about to see some friends in Brixton about the establishmen[t] of a Section.

Always yours faithfully
JP M[c]Donnell

Erläuterungen

a) De Morgan, John Francis (-)

b) Darbyshire, John (-)

c) Dupont, Eugène (1831-1881)

d) Hales, John (1839-nach 1882)

e) Internationale Arbeiter-Assoziation (IAA) / International Workingmen's Association (IWA) / Association Internationale des Travailleurs (AIT)

f) De Morgan, John Francis (-)

Kritischer Apparat