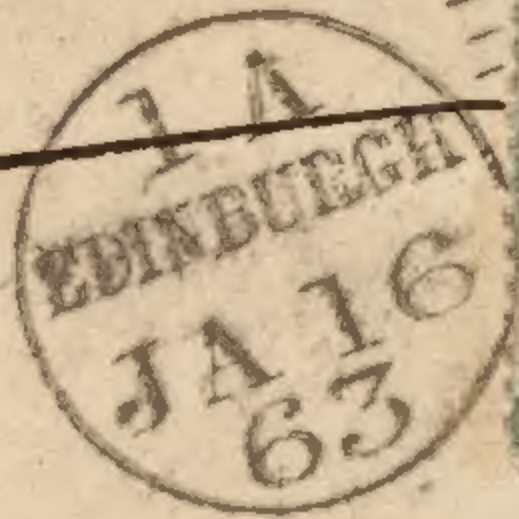


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*every glad to embrace this annual opportunity of communication so as to keep up our acquaintance, which I do not wish to lose. The matters in your country are of such intense interest that we are kept very close to you in sympathy & anxious watching & we easily read the newspapers from week to week & grieve over the terrible losses in battle the young lives the young hopes & promise all the broken hearts & desolated homes that these losses involve. - It is dreadful to contemplate even from far, what must be done! we sympathize with you very affectionately. - I wish there is cause for rejoicing we rejoice with you. These "terrible things in righteousness" seem to have driven your nation to the contemplation of sin. I can't see we are very thankful that the slave is now recognized throughout the Republic as having certain rights, the withholding of which has brought down the vengeance of the Almighty in such calamities as have prevailed. I hope before long the nation will see a little further, liberty to the slaves will be granted, not as a measure of self preservation but as a measure of justice & righteousness. In the meantime we are glad to have the*

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President's Proclamations such as it is. We  
we hope it will work well for the slaves,  
we are tremblingly anxious for the best  
tidings. May God rule all! and avert the  
sufferings that may possibly arise by the  
revenge of the Southern Slaveholders!

I am very glad the President does not  
in so many words exempt <sup>loyal</sup> slaveholders  
from the Proclamation, although it is  
some virtually "at present", it does not  
read so properly as when the right to  
hold slaves was plainly set down as  
a premise to loyalty. We were  
I am exceedingly grateful for the supplies  
sent to Lancashire, such generosity & the  
noble forbearance of the sufferers there  
will do more to foster a right feeling  
between our two countries than all  
the red tape in the world. and, my  
dear friend, let us do all we can by  
word & prayer & kindly thought to promote  
love & friendship between us; we may  
be of very little significance, but one  
word added to another makes up a  
public voice & it is very important to  
have the public voice on the right  
side - let us check all feelings of  
anger, whatever may have seemed  
our provocation, & I think we shall find

the blessing even if we are not able to  
communicate it. - I hope our Lancashire  
distress is a little abating & that much  
good has come from the fearful expense  
we have had. - If we had taken the  
advice of G. Thompson & others for - seeing  
philanthropists in 1836 & 7. - & promoted the  
cultivation of cotton in other parts of the  
world we should not now have had  
these sufferings & possibly the war in America  
might have been averted a commercial  
motive having been given for the aban-  
donment of slavery long ago. - We have  
of course a little more difficulty in  
collecting money this year on account  
of the Lancashire distress & so our little  
donation to the general funds in response  
to the appeal is but small, but we send  
it in token of our sympathy in your  
past & present labours for the slave. - We  
do like to see the slave's cause always sup-  
ported in the papers & in your speeches &  
letters & addresses - we get troubled if spare  
is taken up in vituperating England,  
or in undue defence of the North.

Ms. Howe has sent us a long letter & while  
she has made in it that is right & true,  
we think we also can offer some reasons  
for not giving entire sympathy with the  
North, for the policy of the North is unwise

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been entirely Anti. Slavery - we do not  
as a nation, at this distance see all  
bearings of the onward movement - but  
we sometimes feel checked in <sup>believing you to</sup> Anti. Slavery  
when we read of slaves returned from  
the steps of the Capitol at Washington  
Slaves returned to their masters even  
within the last few weeks the right  
bold slaves offered as a premium & by  
the President saying that he would  
restore the Union with Slavery & then  
have it restored & c. & c. & as the national  
sympathy is checked, & at the same  
the Southern propagandists are very busi-  
ness as usual commercial & political in  
by suggesting all sorts of false issues.

As we have something to say in self defence  
although we must sorrowfully admit  
we have not done all we might have done  
for the Slaves. We are thankful for the fre-  
manhood of Carolina & Virginia & we  
earnestly hope there may be many more  
very short time & that Emancipation will  
onward till every yoke is broken. -  
Now tell me anything of W. S. Bailey of  
Kentucky? I have not heard of him for a  
time & I have a little money to send him  
I hear from Mary Estlin frequently. She  
very strong this winter - confined at home  
frequently with cold & headache. - Of Richard  
I saw a good deal in Ireland. Poor man! he has

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We should be very glad to have some  
copies of Mrs Childs "The right way, the wrong  
way" - I do not recollect if we or any  
them before - but we should be much  
obliged by thy sending them on the  
first opportunity - Perhaps one or two  
would come by post. I send 7/- to pay for  
them & any small expenses you may have  
incurred for us - Will thou kindly say if  
we owe anything else? I think I recollect  
sending the balance we owed last year, but  
if not, please tell me. We have had a year  
of much & varied occupation & sometimes  
neglect creeps in, if it has in this case, please

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excuse me. - - - - - Wishing that all may be  
well with thee & thine in this new year  
& new year, come on into Eternity - I again  
remain Thine affectionately E. W. Johnson  
My mother's name signed the or an if there  
is need to mention it.

Thou wilt see we have sent a little  
for our subscriptions to the paper -  
not know if we have calculated  
right -

Please acknowledge soon & be so kind  
as tell me nearly what the bill was  
a friend is anxious to know as a matter of information