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My dear Friend

Again has the season arrived for sending  
our Contributions to your Christmas Bazaar, and  
though those herewith sent, are not all we hope  
to forward, yet I fear you will be disappointed at  
receiving so little. for while we have given the op-  
portunity of aiding us, more publicly than heretofore,  
we find most so completely tired of such work  
this year - having been doing for the League &c &c  
for it is mostly the same class in this country  
who take an active interest in <sup>all</sup> Philanthropic  
movements - and <sup>from</sup> among our own Circle things  
have this year been sent to two Missionary Stations  
in Africa - to the West Indies - and to the des-  
erts in our own Highlands - while of late our  
own family has been so situated, that little of the



kind could be attended to. Excuse this long apology  
for the smallness of our contributions and be assured  
we wish they had been greater.

There are a few things from Sarah Heilditch and her  
Sister - They also have been so situated as to <sup>be</sup> prevented  
from doing this year what they wished, having had to  
travel about in quest of Health, and only been 4  
months at home out of the last 14 -

The enclosed Stanzas & Poem are from the pen of  
a very young man - a friend of mine - they are  
sent just as they are, do with them anything  
or nothing as you think them worth - or alter  
as you like. - should they be thought <sup>worth</sup> notice at all.

The Stoke Newington Ladies Anti Slavery Society have  
been seeking contributions also to a Boston Fair  
and we have feared some may have given to them  
thinking it was for the same as ours - indeed we know  
of some who have - but we were unwilling to stir  
up any party disturbance in this country by calling



attention to the distinction between the Two, till  
we find out how they have succeeded - and if  
necessary can be more explicit if spared till  
another year -

Though we cannot see you in Tunnel Hill, we  
shall if well be with you in imagination  
wishing you more success than ever before and  
longing to hear from you as soon as it is all  
over. Some of us think much about America  
at present - anxiously waiting to know the  
result of the Labours of the Deputation from our  
dearly meeting - and shall feel greatly obliged  
for any account than can give of what they  
are doing - especially if they visit New England.  
 Hoping to have the pleasure of Packing up a  
few more things about 10 Days after this

Remain thy very sincere  
and obliged friend

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