

Edinburgh 18/11/52

My dear Friend

Ms. A. 9.2.26.71

We have just packed up two boxes, which we intend to send by the next steamer, and hope they will arrive safe at Boston in good time for the Bazaar. - They are later than we intended, but had they been sent by last steamer, they would have been left worth sending. There was an Anti-Slavery Bazaar at Glasgow held the last week of last month, and many who used to contribute to our box sent their things to it this year, being determined not to give anything more while such objectionable matter still appears in the columns of the Liberator, - which though not the organ of the American Anti-Slavery Society, is conducted by its President, who I am sure can not be aware of the injury he is doing to the cause of Religion and humanity, by inserting the writings of Foster ^{Barker}, Pillsbury and H. C. Wright regarding the Holy Scriptures - or I am sure he would not do it. I wish if thou had any influence with W. L. G. thou would advise him to leave the bible alone. - If all acted according to its instructions there would neither be war nor Slavery - and it has outlived all its enemies

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& still I must never be either mutilated or set a
side. — What should we be without the Bible?³

The hardest part of our labours, is hearing the ob-
jections brought forward against the American
Anti Slavery Society — in consequence of these
writings, — It is no use for us to say, that the
members of the "American Anti Slavery Society" are
right on the subject of Slavery, whatever their
views on other subjects may be, — we are always
met with the retort — "while you cooperate with
them you are identifying yourselves with their
errors" — This I am sure we have no wish to
do, I for one, protest against anything being said
or written to invalidate the Holy Scriptures, or
call in question their Divine Origin, — or the blessing
of one day in 7 being set apart from secular labours,
and entirely devoted to religious duties & Public worship,
whereby we avow our dependence on our Almighty
Creator, for all we enjoy, & for the best of all his gifts,
the gift of his only begotten Son, — that whoso believeth
in him might not perish, but have everlasting life
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having laid down his life a sacrifice for the sins of

the whole world. — It is a sad mistake to mix up
any thing with anti-Slavery action — that has such a
tendency to alienate its true friends. —

Is not that letter of H. C. W., in which he praises up
Paine's Age of Reason calculated to do this? — and even
although letters may be admitted on the other side, there
is no certainty that the answer will be seen by
all who have read the other, or that it will counteract
the evil. —

The great excitement caused by "Uncle Tom's Cabin" —
is likely to do much good, and we were grieved to see
H. C. W. — trying to undervalue the book — we should be
thankful for every auxiliary — even though it be not
entirely according to our standard. — I believe that book
has awakened an interest that will never settle down
again while American Slavery exists. —

I will be obliged if thou wilt write to Benjamin Griffin
I have enclosed his letter to me from which thou wilt see
what he wants to know, — we should be much pleased too,
to know ^{who} gets "little Mary's" doll" — she, dear child, came
with her mother last year to our house to see the exhibition
of the things for Boston, and was much interested, — At
Christmas she had a present of a wax doll, and instead
of ~~retaining~~ keeping it for herself, she asked her mother's per-
mission to drop it, and send it to the West Anti Slavery

Bazaars to be held at Boston. This request was granted, and she took great pleasure in sewing the clothes, but in the early spring she took Hooping Cough and died! Her mother however finished the doll & gave it as she wished, and has written a sweet account of her dear child, to go along with the Doll, as a "Letter of Introduction" to its new mistress or owner. — This letter enhances the value of the doll, so that we have perhaps priced it too high, but the price of it, and everything else we send is entirely at your disposal, to alter as you please. However if you canst let us know the child's name into whose hands it falls, we shall be pleased. — The contributions from the male & female inmates of our blind Asylum are very interesting to us, I enclose the note that accompanied their free donations. I am afraid the curtains of their Bassinette will be crushed we turned them inside to save them, but perhaps a hair you might rectify any damage they may sustain. "Topsy" and her "appeals" came from Bolton — she is intended to stand during the Bazaar and sell the appeals for a penny each, — she sold a good many both at Bolton and Edinburgh to those who came to see the contributions. The Lady who sends the two Affghan Blankets would like to know what price they bring — if they sell well she will immediately begin to make for next year — but if they do

bring their value - she would as willingly do something else - her husband is an invalid - she knits while nursing him and is herself upwards of 70 years of age and one of our most active members of committee -

We should be obliged for a supply of Lumme's speech, for circulation, for which of course we should willingly pay -

Christine Scott wishes very much to have one of the like - copies of W. L. Garrison, - the same as was in the "Liberty Bell" some years ago - she wishes to frame it - but not to take it out of the book she has - she will pay for it if sent - We shall also be glad of as many of the Gazettes as you can spare, - for we hope if there is to be another Bazaar we shall be able to enlist some new hands, and we find the

Gazettes very useful - We have I believe often troubled you with questions as to how different things sell, we know how difficult this is, - but it is so often asked of us, that we are forced

for instance the lady who sends the pointed velvet cushion, wishes to know what it may bring - also the knitted curtains? - but I will not intrude further - knowing how

very precious thy time will be by the time this reaches thee, - I should be delighted to have a peep of you all

and the Bazaar too - but that may not be - so with very sincere regard to myself & kind remembrances to all thy coadjutors whom we have seen I am thy

affectionate friend Jane Wigham

The Boxes from Wilson Armstrong were intended to have been sent in the Leeds Box - but not being ready in time for it were sent here to be enclosed - will then be so kind as forward the two to Rochester & Philadelphia as he wishes - Perhaps he may have written respecting them

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Jane Wigham

The silver Flowers are similar to some sent by the same Lady to the Exhibition last year - a half wreath two pairs sprigs for Lappets - 1 Camelia - a letter addressed to our Committee I mean the Edinburgh Ladies Emancipation Society would I believe do much good - The Box is sent quite independent of it ^{some of the members not approving of our sending it}