

Carnestonville (Georgia Co. July 17 - 1868

My dear friend —

I wrote Wendell some time or five weeks since in relation to the state of affairs in Ohio, and my main object in the letter was to induce him, or other friends through him, to aid us in procuring an editor for the Bugle. — Miss Townsend was not positively engaged and we are convinced that he is neither sufficiently strong handed nor clear sighted for the purpose.

You have, probably seen the first No. — Benj. S. Jones helped get it out else it would not have been half decent — As there was not type and paper fit for the paper, the Com. decided to postpone publishing further till these could be furnished — They have come at last and Benj. is now at work to get out a second No. Miss having gone home with the understanding that we do not think him competent to the task — (But Benj. feels his competence for the work and goes to it only for the time being, till somebody else can be obtained — I mentioned in my letter to Wendell that Pillsbury's aid was needed and that he would be just the man — This was when I thought the Herald was given up — I also intended to say to him that O. Johnson, if Pillsbury could not come, would do good service here — Johnson is known here, having traveled in the State, and so far as I have heard is quite popular — His abilities, I presume, were never known here — As Wendell only spoke in his reply of Pillsbury being at hand, I presume I must by some wonderful slip of the pen have ~~omitted~~ <sup>omitted</sup> half my proposition. Will you write Johnson if you think him the man, in relation to coming here — I should write him directly but I thought you counsel in the

case desirable - If you think it would be better for you to  
write me and have me write him first, (very well - I  
have no doubt of your confidence in him and yet in  
taking so important a step I would counsel - The Com.  
will not, I fear, feel authorized to guarantee more than  
\$200,000 a year to an Editor because it is difficult  
to raise money here - But we can raise so much cheaper  
here than in N.Y. that perhaps it will be worth as much  
as \$600,000 in N.Y. - - - Stephen is here - He arrived  
at our Convention on the day that Benj. left for New-  
York - It was very opportune as we were much worn by our  
constant speaking - We are obliged to hold many of our  
meetings out of doors - and we have the finest grounds - for  
lack of houses sufficiently large to accommodate the  
crowds who come - Thus, altho' in making our appoint-  
ments we left occasionally a day for leisure, we are so  
beset with applications to have meetings that we have  
scarcely had a leisure day since we came into the State -  
We are now on the Reserve, the most neglected part of the  
State and yet our Sunday gatherings are multitudinous.  
Stephen's aid therefore makes us strong - Since he has  
been here I have staid at home two days and begin to  
think I shall get better or at least not quite die - (Don  
may blame us for this constant meeting holding, and yet  
if you were here and saw the necessity, as we see it,  
of light and also the eagerness to hear you words, I vent  
on do just as we do - Now we can have ears - The  
priests are busy at their "devilish" work and they will, by  
and by, be shut - Hence what we do <sup>quickly and</sup> (how will be great  
gain - The third party priests are, of course, worse than  
any others - They are Phelps Phelps - - You may not have  
heard of Elizabeth's sickness - She was taken ill of measles

Soon after her arrival and is just now getting able to speak  
a little, she is still at New Lisbon and will hold meetings in  
that vicinity occasionally and help about the paper till she  
shall recover her strength — Benj. is doing great services  
as patron and we cannot well spare him from the field.  
This is so large and there are such numerous cases that I  
feel as tho' we should do but little unless we all stay  
in the bustling field. — The Ex. Com. of the O. A. So-  
ciety mainly originated in Penn., and they are, "In all the  
world," like the Pennsylvanians — More affection than in-  
tellect or conscience — They would, if we did not strongly  
veto it, employ Miss Townsend, not because they think him  
competent, but "he is such a nice man," and "has made  
so many sacrifices for the cause," and "now is poor" and "out  
of employment." — But could they get Oliver (who is also  
near their hearts, and venerated also by them, we should have  
no more whining — My earnest desire is for him to come  
right speedily — — — Then our stout battle — warfare, rather  
— with Liberty Party is not relished by many — They have  
so many "good friends" in it and they are "such good ab-  
olitionists" that the party must be spared — Should Miss  
take the Bugle into his hands he would be swayed any  
way by them, instead of swaying them — For they can be  
swayed with greatest ease by those who know how to  
do it — — — We are bringing out a greatly number  
from third party, and since Stephen introduced the Phlog-  
we have had the class book which has always induced  
and have confirmed many — Our success in raising money  
is not great — We apply ourselves mainly to ~~raising~~ <sup>obtaining</sup>  
subscribers for the Bugle and money is not easily obtained —  
Is it the design of the American Society to bear a por-  
tion of the expense of this campaign? If we establish the

Bogle I fear we shall not be able to pay many salaries. I think Elizabeth is worth as much as any agent in the employment of the American Society, excepting Douglas and Foster. She does not ask a salary though I presume she would not refuse to take one and I wish the Society were able to give her one. Gettins you know takes no salary and the Ohio Society pays expenses. Therefore none here have salaries except Gettins and Benj. Does the American Society consider itself responsible for them, and if so how much for each? — They are here at my request and I feel, therefore, somewhat responsible. If Gettins should do as I would like he would work for nothing and trust courages; but he does not see like me in this matter, and I like for every one to be at liberty. Will you write me at Marlborough, Clark Co., when we hold jubilee 1<sup>st</sup> Aug. — I shall probably remain in that vicinity till the 8<sup>th</sup> Aug. — Our usual place of address is New Lisbon, Columbiana Co. — On the whole, I think Ohio is, above all other places, just the place for us this summer. It is much better than I had anticipated. — Yours affectionately, Abby K.

Help for the American Society will publish an edition of the whole human race. He who supports any system of slavery is the enemy of the whole human race. He divides it into two camps.

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 July 19

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