

of policy in the ruling anti-slavery
powers of this country - for a change
most certainly there is, - under the new
Secretary, - but to what extent remains
yet to be seen. From what has been, many
of our friends are hopeful of much more,
indeed of all essential cooperation; -
others are not so sanguine; - all are
willing to wait for a time the results,
which as yet none can foresee. I have
learned much by my last years sojourn
in this country - and had one lesson
long ago taught confirmed "How much
of human nature there is in mankind
every where." - ~~So~~ much is there here of
what in America we should call 'pro-
slavery' - which may be resolved into
the dislike to be disturbed in any of the ex-
isting pleasant relations. - Almost every
one is opposed to slavery & wishes its ex-
tinction - and some, who can easily do so,
give their £20 £50 or £100 to sustain what
they suppose is in opposition to it; - but it
is not much in their thoughts, - and the
efforts that are making by the abolitionists
still less. Most of the exceptions you know
as you have long been in correspondence
with a number who have proved
their love by their works - and amongst
these have preeminently stood the dear
friends - with whom it has been my
happiness so long to dwell - a witness
of their enlightened, earnest & untiring
devotion. ~~to the~~ What we owe to them can

be known only to ~~the~~ few, - how tired thoughts
& labour have been given without stint
to aid us. I would fain dwell on this, a
cherished memory of the past; what the
future will be to them or to us can only
be anticipated with a chastened hope.
It will deeply grieve you, - and all our
friends to know - that our dear Mr. Estlin
has had a paralytic stroke depriving
him of the power of motion in his right
hand, - that hand so long used in blessing.
It is now ten days - since on waking in
the morning he found it powerless. His
whole frame has been affected by the
stroke - though happily his mind is
clear & his speech unimpaired. There
is great hopes that with his gradually
returning strength - will come recover-
ed - power to the hand; especially as within
the last two days - there has been ability to
move, though but very little, the thumb
& one of the fingers. It is beautiful to see
the cheerful resignation with which this
sudden loss of power is borne - by both
father & daughter - the ever watchful
tenderness of the one & the calm reliance
of the other - the perfect accord of feeling
that looks to "Him, who doth all things
well" to assign the post of duty - whether
it be active warfare - in which they have
so long nobly borne their part - or to
"stand & wait" - They are now waiting
in London - till Mr. Estlin gains sufficient
strength to return to Bristol. The doctors

