

To Mary E. Hammondson
from Sarah Pugh.

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My dear Friend

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With a sorrowing heart I write thee. The news of our friend Richard W. Tibbitt's great loss has just reached me. What that loss is we who had the happiness to know she departed may in some degree appreciate, for she was all that her husband so truly depicts her in a letter to Samuel May now lying before me. "purity of spirit, kindness, gentleness, unselfishness, open handedness, industry, quickness of apprehension, literary taste, utter absence of ostentation in her disposition & habits, uniform courtesy to all, purity of mind" were eminently hers, — indeed her striking characteristics. The penitents spent in their hospitable home

now

two years since - enable me
to testify from personal
experience to her many virtues,
she has since dwelt in my
memory as one of most truly
noble & beautiful characters,
the light & support of her
family who have alas! are
deprived of her. My love &
interest for them induce me,
dear friend, to write this, ask-
ing of thy kindness information
of them. It is long since I have
had letters direct from the family
& of course now I do not expect
them, yet I crave to know espe-
cially about each member of
the family & in the freedom
which my great respect for thee
gives me I do not hesitate to ask
thy kindness at thy hands, &
knowing thy interest & inter-
ests a acquaintance with
our friend's family.

In the "afflictions, with which
we are afflicted" I know we
have thy deep sympathy &
commiseration. Alas! for our
country, when will she fully
see that only by justice &
righteousness shall we be saved.
To the Abolitionists, who have so
long seen that "freedom to the
slave" gives the only hope of
permanent peace - the lesson that
this war is surely teaching seems
slowly learned & we are impa-
tient of delay - yet nevertheless
we have an abiding faith that
all will yet be well. The work
as we have hitherto done, & the
sympathy & aid of our co-laborers
abroad are always most welcome.

You will be specially interested
in the accounts of our friend
J. M. W. McKim's visit to Port Royal.

We have rejoiced that one so
well qualified to see to judge &
report should be able to go to

this most interesting spot, &
witness the excitement now
carrying on there. Last week
three of our devoted young people
left most comfortable homes
in this city to labour in this
field. It has been a great
pleasure to some of us this past
winter to find so many Friends
coming into this work. Some
of the 'foremost standing' in the
different meetings have come
forward to aid in clothing &
feeding these "freedomen". How
often have I wished that our
"Friends" 'abroad could be present
at our large sewing Circles to
see how heartily & efficiently,
many that had so long held
back from Antislavery Association
were now with us. Many ce-
joining to find us were not
the wild 'fanatics' they had
so long held us to be. Thus
we gain little by little.