

5 Gray Street Edinburgh

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My dear friend, I have a great
many favors for you to return
thru thanks & not thru only but
our other valued friends. The
Liberty Bells are beautiful & very
valuable, we have distributed
our portion & have received the
sincere thanks of the recipients.

The Anti-Slavery Standard too
are very useful, & especially the
tracts. When the extra paper
the Liberator ^{of 14th March} all arrived safely &
were very welcome - I enclose a
letter of credit for our Liberator subscrip-
tions - I should have put it direct
to R. Walcutt, but that I wished the
opportunity of thanking them for
all thy favors, & of telling thee of
our present position in Edin^g. I am
aware you are informed of Julia
Griffiths' proceedings & of the adroitness
with which she changes her tactics
according to the atmosphere in
which she moves - Maria

Webb says Marked Pillsbury
studies the climate, a charge
entirely false against him
but very true as regards her
friend Julia - at Liverpool
or Birkbehead she is the friend
of Russell Carpenter & others, liberal
in opinions - in strict Presbyterian
Scotland her principal capital
is & denotes heterodoxy in
all its varied connection with
American abolitionists. - She has
one firm point on which she
stands & from which she veers about
in true weathercock fashion - her
one point is W. Douglass - she has
added blue stock in trade the
last Bible Convention advertise-
ment, & this she brings forth to
show the present position of the galle-
onians - I am very glad it has not
done W. K. G.'s name to her production
if it proves nothing & she has, in
one or two instances, to my know-
ledge, felt this arrow fall pointless -
we think her animated by a very
bitter spirit - but of course she has
not originated the disaffection

in Edin. Glasgow, although
she has been very glad to find it.
So that I was rather sorry that
Garrison in his article insinuated
that Douglass was the only cause
of the discontent - I should not like
to let him think that he has
so much power. - His ^{of recent} article was
a very poor affair but yet Julia
shows it as an exposition of the
manner in which he is persecuted,
so he is a real Christian martyr
persecuted to the death by strong-
banned infidels - He has acted on
the prejudices of thoroughly conscientious
Christian religious people to so great
an extent that they are forming
a Christian Anti-Slavery Society
in Edin. & leaving on the "left
hand" our poor Society which
truly has been unmovable enough.

I hope good may come out of the
present disagreeable state of affairs
& that we may hold our ground &
become firmer & purer by the
conflict - There is one thing we
do not lose sight of - the new
Society is principally formed of

United Presbyterians who so
recently admitted slaveholders
to their mission Church at Calabar
vindicated this proceeding
in a very proslavery spirit &
manner - the Anti-Slavery
people have found fault
with them & they to prove
their anti-Slavery have found
this sort of Whelp Julia - I enclose
a slip from a letter of our
dear W. Hillie on this need
question to one of the newspapers
thou wilt see he refers to the
new Glasgow boy's report -
& speaks - said report has
not one word about proslavery
Churches, - but I must con-
clude this Anti-Slavery gossip.
with kindest regards & trusting
all may work together for
good - I remain
Thine very sincerely
Y. W. Williams -

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Thou art aware that
Elizabeth Nicholl wrote to Gerritt Smith
telling him how his name was used by
Julia - I refer to this as I understand from
letters of thine that Garrison is going to write to the
advocate making G. S. distinct. We should be glad if

G. S. himself would speak

out on the point.

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