

I allude particularly to one State being enjoyed
as a legitimate Commerce in supplying others
with Slaves. Look on looking back to the former
operations of our Voyages I am surprised at the ge-
neral ignorance of Slavery in the United States
it was not A. A. Phelps, Jr. when any circum-
stance brought it before us, there was plenty of
feeling displayed - it was ignorance of its na-
ture & especially of any way in which any thing
could be done towards its removal. You will
know how we were prejudiced against a large
party - the true friends of the Slave and what a
paralyzing effect this had on us. Our history
is now known & however disagreeable it may be
to be thus brought before the public & to be the
subjects of blame & ridicule, we may well bear
this light cross when we remember all you
have had to bear on your side of the Atlantic &
if we are the means of inducing some to enquire
for themselves & not to listen to the misrepresen-
tations of parties who think more of their own
theological & political views than of the wrongs &
sufferings of the Slaves, we shall be well repaid
for the little annoyances we have to bear.

Every month shows us more & more how need-
ed information is on the subject - there is right feel-
ing - you never hear Slavery defended - all unite
in denouncing it - the most distant allusion to
it will excite an instant public meeting & in

a tumult of excitation but some are prepared
to go much farther in action than others. - Both
the interest they feel is not strong enough to in-
duce them to devote time enough to the subject to
understand it thoroughly - people are all so busy
so engrossed by affairs at home, and the removal
of social prejudices that they have not time to
investigate it, in its various bearings - your in-
quiries are so void to your party distinctions
& names, they do not puzzle you, but I assure you
that your 'Democrats' & 'Whigs' so utterly differ
from those among us bearing those titles and
your 'Free Soles' & 'Liberty party' with their sub-dive-
sions do puzzle us in England & many also hate
Slavery itself, put the subject away before an
understanding its intricacies & turn to some-
thing they feel they can take up without the fear
of being wrong by writing with any party.
I do not sympathize with this longed hatred
but I state the fact - there has been almost a wide
divide in both countries to mystify the matter and
just as an instance the statements made by Mr
Thomson of New York at the great meeting of the
Constitutional Review in the Hall, do a great deal
of harm - because mixed up with so much that
is good & true - We in England often hear it stated
that persons may do more good by remaining
in their organizations & trying to remove the evil in
them than by leaving them & then bearing their
testimony & acting at their Conventions - We were
sickened with hearing this in the case of the Socy.

Baptist Mod's leaving the Church to unite with
the Baptists now Mr. Thomsen then speaks
Albert Barnes as disapp. more good by protesting
against Slavery in his denomination than he
w. do by leaving it. I am ashamed that we
had the moral courage to expose the fallacy of
the principle but men are too willing to sacrifice
truth rather than rich donations. This horrible
Slavery is such a gigantic evil to turn as to
strong to describe its hefulness in the sin of them
who uphold it. & it seems to human eyes
like trying to batter down a strong fortress by
throwing peas, but we know it is not by man's
power or by man's might that the greatest evil
have been overcome or the greatest good wrought.
Our path of duty is plain, to use every just &
holy means God may put into our hands to seek
his help that we may use them wisely and
in dependence on him for their efficacy.

You so will know this our dear friends
at Park St. all our proceedings that I have to
information to give you. Our old Anti Slavery
city's union with them certainly seems quite
identical - they supplied us with the information we
needed - they infused new life into our half dead
Com^{tee} languishing for want of light, while their
uniting with us enabled them to do more than
they could do alone. I need not tell you that
their Unitarianised opposites strongly against the

we are sure many cannot act comfortably
with persons whose religious they are so
strongly opposed to - with persons were feeling
a without much respect & affection towards
them as individuals - but from a conviction
that God will bless efforts made in
conjunction with persons they consider
opposed to his truth I need not say that
I am a Calvinistic Baptist myself I have no
sympathy with such names - but still they
operate strongly in many minds - but we
have a great united Con^{ten} and by a union
of so many - separated by religious opinions
but united in one great object - we do more
than either party could have done separately

We are of course all anxious for
an new Periodical the Anti Slavery advocate
the 2^d No. of which has appeared - it is a bold
undertaking, I hope our friends may not
suffer any serious loss - some I fear must
be looked for - it is temperate - to do not
like any thing very strong in England

at first in principle - I fear you will think
me proud, but really I feel as tho' I was writing
to an old friend. So draw me over of kind
break down barriers.

Present my very kind regards to
your dear Sister Miss Catherine Webster,
I was very glad to hear of her safe arrival
and that she found her brother better than
she expected, I hope his health continues to
improve. Do you ever propose to visit England?
I must now conclude assuring you of my
warm sympathy in all your labors and to
also, I can truly say we pray daily for the
Slave in our family circle - at my age I cannot
hope to see him freed - but it will come & he
will stand forth a man, not a thing - I am
not very strong & have many family claims
as we besides some public engagements
such as Schools & the Pan. but what we in
power will not I trust be withheld.

We hope your Bazaar will succeed &
will try to help it another year - domestic
duties have prevented this. With feelings of
the truest regard I remain dear Miss West
Yours very affly
Anne Tribe

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