

West Hoboken, Hudson Co, N. J.  
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Dear Bro. Tait,

Your kind favor of the 14<sup>th</sup> ultimo, containing a draft for £ 31. 10. 0, the sum total of subscriptions from Edinburgh Brethren, & from other brethren in divers parts near & remote, has been safely & thankfully received: and shortly afterwards, a draft for £ 7. 10. 0, from the Brethren in Trenton.

These contributions of "remembrance towards me & my household" are particularly gratifying at this time, seeing that in this country a very bitter & malignant feeling has been developed against the doctrine & principles we hold, which is concentrated in attacks upon me. The second Volume of *Wreath*, & *Syncretism* have fired the train. I have had no personal misunderstanding with an man, woman, or child, & am particular to mind my own affairs, & not at all to interfere with the affairs of other people; yet suddenly I find myself divided, & influences set on operation to alienate & separate the Brethren from me. For months past, I have been diligently engaged on the third volume of *Wreath*, which I have at length finished, & every first day of the week, through storm & cold, I go down to Hoboken to teach the word for the edification & improvement of Brethren. I call this attending to my affairs; asking no one for anything but civility & good fellowship in the truth, & being no expense to any one around. What can a man do more than this for others? And is it not hard, that his best endeavors for the eternal well-being of others should be made an accusation against him? Yet such, with few exceptions comparatively, is my American experience generally, & my New York experience in particular. My first offence at this crisis seems to be in teaching that we have all to stand

in judgment before the Son of Man in earthly bodies in the resurrection state. Professors of loose lives or latitudinarian principles do not like this. If, say they, the Anastasi plan of judgment be true, the best of us will have a poor account to give indeed. They say that now is the day of judgment, & that there is no more judgment for the saints after coming out of the grave. Surely this is a wooden & perverse generation. Nothing by sight there is nothing here scarcely but discouragement on all sides, walking by faith; it is bright & joyous. My thirty five <sup>years</sup> residence in this country has been an intellectual & moral exile. I don't suppose, however, that with such teaching as I am idolized with any other country under heaven would have been Paradiseic. Yet, on the medal of the most cheerless circumstances, I have not been altogether forsaken. My wants, or rather necessities, have been supplied, if my mind left free for the study & exposition of the word. The Lord knows that this cannot be done upon air. His word truly comprehended & believed is a power, not only for salvation, but for the development of supplies for them who work in his service, & for the working of the machinery pertaining to its diffusion. His word-power, with a ministered, liberating in believers makes them considerative, & voluntarily communicative. ~~It is suggested to the brethren in remote countries that, while some~~ laboring in the word for their enlightenment & confirmation in the truth, he should not be starved outright. They therefore contribute, as brethren in England & Scotland & New Zealand have done, so that with economy, I am enabled to make buckle & tongue meat, as they say in Virginia, & to owe no man any thing but love. Please, therefore, Bro. Tait, to thank the brethren on my behalf for their kind remembrance, which shows that I have some true friends, though they may be few, amid a host of enemies; & may they reap a hundred fold in the time to come.

Is not that Hottentot affair a sign of something in connection with Israel? I cannot think that Britain will abandon the country now that they have killed Theodore & released the prisoners. They may return to the coast; but I think the Lord has sent them there for an

