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Brether Tappan.

After a long time, a few of us respond to the call of the Committee on behalf of the Christiana captives. When Mr Murray published your appeal I supposed some donations would be forwarded to me as Treasurer of Brandegee S. Society, and as my business was so urgent, I kept waiting until a short time since, when I saw that I should get nothing to send, unless I was at the trouble of looking ~~the~~ <sup>it</sup> up. And some of these had cast me more than it would to have carried the amount in my shop. Some who had been, ~~are now~~, considered good anti-slavery men, and who are abundantly able, will pay nothing. The reason some of them gave, was that government ought to see that the captives were defended. Others said they had not the money to spare &c &c. I am not able to pay much money, but must pay my abolition <sup>& temperance</sup> bills by getting others to pay, & by circulating publications favorable to the Anti-slavery & Temperance causes. I circulate about 30 or 40 dollars worth of the Telegraph per year because I can pay for that in my work. I take your paper - The Evangelist - Olive Leaf - Colored American & Temperance Journal from New York & other papers from other places to make 7 weekly & 3 months by, besides those occasionally sent by friends. I have been thinking I would take the National Anti-slavery Standard, that I may serve both Societies alike. I will therefore thank you to hand one dollar of the amount I send you, to the publisher of that paper, and tell him to send till that is used up. I can tell by that time whether I like the paper. I can say ~~that~~ that as yet, I am well pleased with the 'Repertive', although you are probably aware that I am somewhat of a woman man. I hope that, should I ever remain in the old society, I can call you my friend & the slav's friend, and that you may reverse the appellation. I saw a suggestion in the Olive Leaf that a committee of the friends of Temperance had a



National Temperance Convention in New York next  
Spring. I hope the friends of that cause will respond  
to that suggestion by sending a large delegation. I hope the  
wisdom of the Nation may be directed to the devising of the  
best measures for the doing away of drunkenness and  
slavery. Will you not use your influence to have the  
Temperance Convention held so near the Anniversary  
of the old & new A. S. Societies, that those who wish  
to attend one, may with a little additional expense,  
attend the other? And cannot the Ex. Committees of  
the A. S. Societies so far agree as to appoint their anniver-  
saries near, but not on the same day? If I can  
raise money enough to bear my expenses, I shall feel  
it a great privilege to attend the three meetings. You  
however will not feel under obligation to suit  
my convenience at the expense of others. I thought  
I would make the suggestion, thinking such an arrange-  
ment would suit many others. For I believe it to be  
a fact, that but few firm anti-slavery men can be  
found, who are not thorough temperance men.  
I rejoice much that this is the case. I rejoice too,  
that the main part of the abolitionists with whom  
I am acquainted, are both moral & religious men.  
Then, if we look to God for guidance, we may know  
that success is sure. I sent you a copy of the Tel-  
egraph, containing a statement of facts relative to the  
Cong. Church - their Pastor & myself. If you rec'd it,  
you know something of my views & feelings in regard  
to the importance of Church action on slavery.  
I last week rec'd a letter of excommunication.  
The crimes and the only ones alleged against me by  
the committee appointed to labor with me, and those  
on which the letters of admonition & exclusion, were  
<sup>bestowed,</sup> absolving my connexion with them, & not attending  
their meetings. They now call me heretic I had  
not the same chance of appealing, as you had, because  
<sup>(or I should have had a counsel before I left.)</sup>  
as you are probably aware, the Congregational churches  
are independent bodies, as to discipline &c. Should you  
see Brother C. B. Ray, you will please give my respects to  
him, & tell him I have seen no receipt for the two dollars  
I sent him in October last, by Deacon Butler of this town.  
I did not receive the last No of the American in that month,  
and if the receipt was in that, I will thank him to send a copy.



I have paid for a copy of the Reporter for myself & one for a colored man in town, & have the receipt of your agent. I could get no more subscribers at present. I occasionally receive another copy from some friend, which I circulate as much as possible. I have no complaints as to the editorial conducting of the Reporter. I think by another spring, you may receive many additional subscribers in this section. I am satisfied as agent for the Col'd American & have presented the claims of the colored people to sustaining that paper, but so many papers are taken here & that sheet is so small & the price so high that none seem as yet, feel disposed to give a lift.

I will now give you a list of the subscriptions for Amistad Captives. No special direction was given as to the specific object of donations.

+ Lewis Barker	\$ .50	+ Great up	\$ 12.19
+ J W Hale	1.00	+ Mrs. Sarah Parker	.25
+ D. S. Murray	.50	+ Benoni Griffin Jr	1.00
+ O. S. Murray	1.00	+ Nathan Flint 2d	.25
+ W. H. Chamberlains	.25	+ C. B. Campbell	.25
+ Iren Benson	.32	+ Henry Campbell	.25
+ D. N. Higgins	.25	+ Thaddeus Barry	.25
+ A friend, Student	.12	+ Miss Elizabeth Tracy	.50
+ J. F. Morrison	1.00	+ Mrs. Jeremiah Hill	.17
+ D. W. F. Biscoe	.25	+ Doct V. Ross	.25
+ Rev. C. A. Thomas	1.00	+ John R. Chad	.50
+ Rev. C. M. Townsend	.50	+ Henry C. Hoyt	.25
+ Chester Wright (Col'd)	1.00	+ Milton June	.42
+ Mrs. P. Wheeler	.25	+ Harry McCallum	.50
+ Asahel June	1.00	+ Oliver M. Smith	.25
+ E. A. Maccham	.25	+ D. Morrison Jr	.25
+ L. Bacon	.50	+ J. Halcomb	1.47
+ C. Knawltars	.50		\$ 19.00
+ Iren Butten	1.00	+ * Inelbury, all the others of Brandon	



+ V. J. Sprague 1.00  
 + Carried up \$ 12.19

You will see that my subscription is not large, but the postage & trouble of collecting, is about as much as I thought duty required, taking other objects into consideration. Should you fail of getting sufficient funds to balance Education & Defense, & will let me know, I will make another effort.

When you send me a paper please put your name on it that I may know who it came from. Yours Truly  
 J. Halcomb



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