Hartford, November 14th, 1849

My dear Sir,

I pray you to accept my thanks for your very kind and valuable gift of a chest of tea, which would have been earlier acknowledged, but for my absence from home, at the time of its arrival in this country. I cannot but fear that you may have been too liberal, and self-denying not imparting this delightful beverage. It serves the more strongly to remind us of you, and of the great, and beneficent efforts to which you are devoting your energies, and your life. The Report which you mention I was not so fortunate as to obtain, but learn from many other sources, the blessing that so visibly attends your labours.
You must enjoy intense satisfaction in the opportunity of both relieving bodily distresses, and removing the darkness of the soul. This double beneficence is indeed, as Shakespeare has said of the "quality of mercy," "twice blessed." While you thus walk in the steps of our dear Master, may His spirit dwell ever in your heart, to sustain, and cheer you.

I am happy to hear that your excellent wife, is enjoying the society of her relations and friends in Washington. Should I be able to go there this winter, I should take great pleasure in making her acquaintance. Perhaps, she may come northward, when the spring spends, and I should then be much gratified to show her what we possess in this corner of New-England; that may be worthy of her notice.
Can you obtain access to the unfolding talents? or are there any European children, under your auspices, whom you can aid in the process of education? I inquire, in order to know, whether any books adapted to the juvenile intellect, would be useful, or acceptable.

I should be most happy, if I were informed of the best modes of operation, to show my interest in your mission, by communicating aid, according to my limited ability. Will you make the enclosed $5 available to the comfort of some orphan, which is with me a favourite form of charity? Please to inform me, what are the most safe, ready modes, of transmitting letters, or parcels to yourself, and
with my prayers for your health, and success in your hallowed labours.
believing, yours with great regard

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