

Journal 23^d Mch. / 1851

I have sent, my dear Aunt, to New York, with instructions to be forwarded to you, a box containing fifty copies of Ellis's "Aquilar Sabbath Thoughts". My original purpose was to publish only about 20 copies - strictly for private circulation, but as Mr. Aquilar authorised me to allow your school to have a few, I extended the number to one hundred. They cost me 55 cents a volume, and I think I ought to receive 50^{cts} a volume for those that may be sold. If you want all that have been sent for your school, at the above, or any other price, you can keep them for that purpose, and I will send on others for those friends to whom I design to present copies. If however you do not want so many for your school, then I beg you to present a copy to each of the following persons - viz, Your good self - Aunt Mary & Etting, Mr. Hy: Cohen, & Sally Hays in Philadelphia - Mr. Sam Etting, & Miss Ritchie Etting Baltimore - Mr. Mordecai, Washing-

-ton - Mrs. Rosa May - Miss Emma Mordecai
& Mrs. Joe Myers, Richmond - & a copy each
to Becky & Sara - I do not wish a single copy
sold to any person except for the use of your
school, and to prevent any thing like a re-
publication, I have taken out the copy right.
I am sorry to give you so much trouble, but
as you will be disseminating pious "thoughts," &
"holy Communion," you will, I know, find your
reward, in such a blessed work. Do let me
know what you may do in the premises -
retain as many as you please for your school,
first however taking one for your dear self, as
the gift of your niece & nephew - and I can
supply any deficiency, by sending to those
who may not get from this parcel - Again, I
pray you to excuse my troubling you; and my
business like particularity. We have received
the paper giving an account of the plate
presented to my worthy friend Mr. Seaser,
and also your annual report - We thank
you for both dear Aunt, and can assure
you that whatever comes from you, always
brings pleasure to us. I too have been

biennial visit to the North this summer, though
I will promise to send Miriam on in October
or November, if you will promise to return
with her. Here is a bait to draw you to us.
Miriam sends her love - and takes a whole
heartful from your nephew

Wm. C. O'Brien

My dear Aunt:

I inclose you a letter to Henry
Sting which I will thank you to
have addressed to him & forwarded
by the first opportunity. I owe you many
thanks for your last kind letter. My husband
has written you so fully that I will post-
pone writing to you. Give my love to
my dear Father & all around you & believe
me very fondly your own
Miriam G. C.

My dear Madam, By some untoward accident
I did not receive the copy of Mr. Seeler's work, which
you kindly sent me, until yesterday, and although
I knew of the gift, yet I preferred deferring an ex-
pression of thanks until its receipt. To say, that I
sincerely thank you for your kind attention
would not convey any idea of my feelings. I feel
sensitively feel, the honor of your notice, and the
character of the gift has excited the liveliest emo-
tions. You could not have presented me with
any work which I should have prized more
highly than Mr. Seeler's book. Circumstances, beyond
my control, have prevented me from attending
to the ceremonies of my religion, but the faith of
my father's has ever been to me an object of pride
and adoration. I can but remember that its
origin is divine - that it was handed down to
our ancestors by the Omnipotent himself, when
holy Sinai was enveloped in clouds, and when de-
vouring fires, & thunder, & lightning proclaimed
the awful presence of the great Jehovah. I can
but feel, I know, that this faith must, and will
endure to the end of time. We have survived, as

= upon swept with the "belom of destruction". We have remained firm to our faith amidst every description of torture, that the mind of man of man could devise - The faggot, and the stake, and the gibbet, and the dungeon have been tried in vain - We have been a bye word, and a reproach - "the oppressors wrong, the proud man's contumely," has been our lot, but all in vain - we are destined for some high, and holy purpose, and man can not defeat it - God grant a speedy end to our suffering, that even in our day we may behold the fulfillment of that soul-inspiring prophecy which assures us that we shall again become God's own, peculiar people -

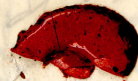
I had previously to the receipt of your gift, perused Mr. Seeger's work, having received six copies of it, for which I had subscribed - It always affords me pleasure to see any of our people making efforts either to sustain the honor, or advance the interests of our holy religion, and I therefore feel great satisfaction in contemplating the exertions of Mr. Seeger - I admire the general plan of his present work, but object to the details - he has been too minute, much might have been curtailed & the work, thus rendered, of greater utility - There are many popular errors concerning our religion, & living, & associating entirely among Christians - I have often heard them, and as often had the pleasure of removing them - A small book enti

Miss R. G. G. G.

Philadelphia

Penn.

25



and ~~to~~ direct their councils to the honor, and
glory & peace of our beloved Land.

yr. aff. nephew

Isaac Cohen

I cannot let my husband's letter go to you, my
dearest Aunt without a few words of love & thanks
to you for the books you were so kind in
selecting & having forwarded. I will see our
Treasurer, without delay & have the amount
forwarded to you. Gratz & the girls are delighted
with your selection of books & are all three
busy today with them. Our Sunday school is very
flourishing this year as regards scholars yet I cannot
say if the receipts from subscriptions & donations
will be as liberal as usual when the anniversary
meeting is held for retrenchment in all things seem
to be the order of the day. Our children have all been
suffering with severe colds. Gratz & Bell returned from
Charleston last Sunday with their Father, & they
will all resume their schools tomorrow after
the Christmas holidays. Pray the New Year be
one of health & happiness to you & all around,
you my darling Aunt & may it bring to us
all peace & tranquillity. Josephine Prayers thank
you for your kind wishes. We all love & admire her.