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Elihu Burritt to "My Dear Sir"

[League of Universal Brotherhood logo and pledge at top]

[Note: this version of the logo has one white hand and one black hand clasped.
Earlier versions showed two white hands.]

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My Dear Sir,

I am on the eve of leaving for poor Ireland to fathom the cause, extent & cure of its misery. I hope you will go on recruiting for the League. Let us try to swell its host of "Covenanters" to 100,000 on each side of the Atlantic this year. I expect to receive a list of Sunday School Addresses from America by the next steamer, when I will furnish you with a list to choose from. I am right glad you are moving in this pleasant enterprise. I hope by the next steamer to hear of the formation of several Juvenile Peace Societies in America, among which yours may find a mate. I enclose a copy of my Christian Citizen, which with the "Bonds" and "Olive Leaves" are the only publications I carry on now. You see I have launched the idea of Ocean Penny Postage. I hope you will agitate the idea in your neighborhood. Mr. [Gum?] will see at a glance the bearing of such free trade of thought upon the cause of Missions etc.

Truly yours,

Elihu Burritt