

[Letter Elihu Burritt, Almira W. Strickland, January 2, 1852]

35 Broad Street Buildings

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My Dear Sister – I was truly glad to hear from you again; for it seemed a long time since you wrote me last. I am rejoiced to hear that you are better, and hope and pray your health may continue to improve. Do please take great care of yourself, and not overwork. I am glad and a little proud that your Olive Leaf Circle have collected such a noble sum for the Olive Leaf Mission. It is truly noble, and I do feel rejoiced at it. I hope it will arrive safely. I do not know whether Mr Dermming [?] is to bring it himself, or send it, but I hope it will come to hand soon. I am glad indeed to see the subscribers names – this is a great satisfaction, and I feel more and more endeared to New Britain for this manifestation of sympathy. I hope and trust your Circle will keep up zealous new action. I am half sorry Caroline Andrews & Elizabeth Stanley are going to be married, as it will take them away from New Britain entirely. But I hope they will become centers of Circles in their own towns. I should be rejoiced if Anna & Julia Burritt would throw themselves into this beautiful movement. I have written to both by this steamer. Will you

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please forward the enclosed – I have been very well lately, and am very busy in the Ocean Penny Postage Movement, and the Olive Leaf Mission. I hope you see and read the Bond regularly, and see what I am doing. I ought to be very grateful indeed to God for all the precious friends He has raised up for me in this country. No one perhaps in England is welcomed to so many kind homes as myself. You cannot conceive of the affection and esteem with which I am received into ~~the~~ [crossed out in original] hundreds of family circles in this country. We have now 110 [underline in original] Olive Leaf Societies, with 250 secretaries, all highly cultivated young ladies, whose prudence is a privilege. I feel that Providence has stationed me here for some time to come. So do not expect me in America just yet. Let us write to each other often. You must make up a family budget for me every month. I wish Mr Strickland would go to Worcester and bring away my Testimonial, private papers, books etc. I fear Syme [?] will not be able to get them of Drew. If Mr. Strickland will do this, I will pay him the expense.

Affectionately yours Elihu Burritt