

Dec. 26. 1857.

My dear Sir.

I forward a piece as requested for "The Appeal", I could not write it until to day. Just now I received a parcel of very nice Pyrites, with your label affixed, for which accept my very sincere thanks: they are a little better of which I am very fond, but have not had now for several years. I am glad you approved of the price respecting the Herald, the Lord send success. I expect I shall return to Cheltenham, when I leave this, to prevent a check there composed

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principally of my own spiritual
children, being broken up. The
decisions of me, that is their
decisions, except I return to pres-
ent it. It is an arduous step,
calling for much self denial,
and laying me open to much
misrepresentation & unkind re-
marks; but none know my
parents feelings, but those who
have children of their own. I
never could be a spiritual ostrich,
Isa. 37. 13, 18: though some have
wished me to be so. Give me
with you. Yours truly.

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