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LEAGUE OF UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD.

PLEDGE.



BELIEVING all war to be inconsistent with the spirit of Christianity, and destructive of the best interests of mankind, I do hereby pledge myself never to enlist or enter into any army or navy, or to yield any *voluntary* support or sanction to the preparation for or prosecution of any war, by whomsoever, or for whatsoever proposed, declared, or waged. And I do hereby associate myself with all persons, of whatever country, condition, or colour, who have signed, or shall hereafter sign this pledge, in a "LEAGUE OF UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD;" whose object shall be to employ all legitimate and moral means for the abolition of all war, and all the spirit and all the manifestations of war, throughout the world; for the abolition of all restrictions upon international correspondence and friendly intercourse, and of whatever else tends to make enemies of nations, or prevents their fusion into one peaceful brotherhood; for the abolition of institutions and customs which do not recognize and respect the image of God and a human brother in every man, of whatever clime, colour or condition of humanity.

15 New Broad Street, Jan. 28. 1848

My Dear Miss Carpenter

I have been compelled most reluctantly to defer writing to you on the subject of the series of little books you proposed to bring out under the title of "Scenes from Palestine." Mr Gilpin, who is to publish our series, has been absent for some time, and I felt bound to consult him before writing to you. The series we intend to bring out, are designed to differ in subjects and style from books usually presented to children in Sabbath Schools &c. We want them to infuse the spirit of peace, kindness & love into the elements of juvenile education, and rather add a new branch of instruction than to serve merely as an addition to S. Sunday School Libraries of books like those which they already possess. Or in other words, we propose a series of Peace Books, all unlike the books now in the hands of children. It has occurred to us, consequently, that the books you propose to bring out under the title of "Scenes from Palestine" would hardly come within the range which we intended our series should

occupy; or that they would be necessarily more like common Sunday School Books than it would be desirable for the object we contemplate. I hope however, that you will go on and bring them out, for they would be very useful and interesting, and many would doubtless be glad to publish them, and remunerate you as you ought to be for such an undertaking. Even if the books were just the ones to meet our particular purpose, we could not ask you to contribute more than one, as our operations are all gratuitous, and we must depend upon the free will offerings of generous spirits. Perhaps you would send us the manuscript of your first tale when completed, for we cannot of course divine the style or manner in which would treat the subjects mentioned

Most truly yours

Eliza Barrett