Phila. Oct. 28th

Rev. Dear Bro:

While did we suppose when we organized our Association to relieve the distribution of our members in Phila., rebellion or in the line of Shermans march, that our work would be so comprehensive or so multiplied & delay, thus forcing in interest too as it enlarged. Propriety deterred from publishing a detailed Report until near the close of our labors, as a knowledge of the general of funds on hand it by no means adequate in the Carolina, and many equally friendly there have particularly suggested that we should not give much publicity to our charities - those who have dispensed of their abundance to others are naturally sensitive on receiving aid & we strive to respect this feeling as far as we can.

About $25,000 was paid into the Associations of Philadelphia, Cincinnati & Baltimore from all sources the first two Associations have made close of their labors about a month ago, after expending about $18,000 - viz: for physical relief in East Tenn. & N. Carolina leaving in the Treasury the work as the Representative of all the Charity dealings, including Louisville & Detroit $22,000 - We expected into our hands & expended $12,129 91 leaving a balance on hand of $ [illegible] the sum sufficient to carry out our plan of [illegible] education, and offer to what