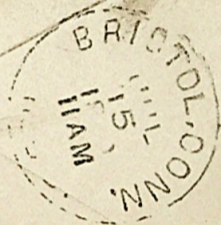




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Dear William

Monday Am  
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The children and I just came up here to Uncle Elders to tell them about our Sabbath yesterday at Mt. Pacono. Uncle Elders has given me your letter to read with the request that I acknowledge it for him. He says he is indebted to you for several good letters but has not written on account of his poor health. They and we all have been much interested in the Missionary meeting. Uncle Elders and Aunt Ellen are trying to get off to Madison this week Wednesday or Thursday. Uncle Elders is pining to go though the doctor thinks he is not strong enough. He is afraid of paralysis and thinks he should not get overtired.

Some of our friends speak of Uncle  
Seldra looking quite well for a man  
of his years &c, but we know he is  
very weak and frail.

He always says he is pretty well and  
goes beyond his strength. He stumbles  
us often by the unprudant things he  
does. I think he feels his weakness  
and does not want to show it, so he  
tries to go about and do just as he  
once could. I really hope he can  
go to Madras for I believe it will  
benefit him. Cousin James family  
have a Cottage there this summer  
and he will go there as it is near  
the sea and show. I think there  
are some objections to being at Aunt  
Caroline's. Aunt Ellen always feels  
so much to do there, as Eliza Knowles  
and I am sure Ed would be a great

annoyance. Uncle Seldra in his  
weak nervous state is troubled  
by things that once might not have  
had any effect upon him.

Those of us who are home would be  
glad to see you if you come to Oxford  
I have wanted to thank Elie for her  
good letter to me which was most  
welcome. I wanted to write her before  
her birthday and kept thinking of her  
not only many times during the day  
but for days. Indeed you are often  
in my thoughts. The day a little girl up  
at Peas who received us so much of  
Ellen & Mary and the children said  
especially Mary. Uncle Seldra says he wishes to thank  
you very much for the two columns  
enclosed. We were all so glad to  
hear of your pleasant send-off at Rugby

Although such an unexperienced old lady  
in the care of children and packing  
and unpacking furniture and other  
things I many times felt as if I must  
go and give you not only a little of my  
advice but render some service in this  
your time of need, but I seemed tied  
at home but I think I could have come  
for the children here if you could  
have trusted me.

~~Aunt Ellen says she picked up your columns~~  
to read as she was writing a letter and  
was so interested she could not lay it  
down & thereby nearly didn't get the letter  
in the mail. It is time for us to  
go down as John brought us up in  
the carriage so with much love from  
us all to you all I am as always  
Your aff. sister Mary