

Sabbath Evening.

Apr. 15. 1894.

My dear Pastor,

Miss Bowman kindly gave me your beautifully touching letter to read this morning, & I feel impelled to write just a few words.

I hardly know how to express either, just what I feel.

My prayers have been ever since you were stricken, that you might be fully restored, if it were possible; - & yet, way

down in my heart I have not really expected you would be - because of what I know of such troubles as yours.

I have never known but two persons who have recovered, & they were entirely different in their natures from you. ^{all} They gave up every thing intellectual for a few years, & lived as it does not seem to me possible for you to live. Instead of being born & brought up in New York, they were born & brought up on farms, & when

stricken with Paralysis went back to farm life - without any of its care or perplexities. But "God's ways are not our ways," & I fully believe in "praying without ceasing," & asking for just what we sincerely want. It does not seem to me though, that the Bible assures us, that we shall have direct answers, for any thing except spiritual blessings for ourselves. I feel sure ^{though} that the Dear Father will answer all prayers for spiritual blessings in His own good

time. I have waited many-
many years for two of my
sons, who I suppose are still
outside the fold, but I expect
every letter may bring the good
news. In regard to other re-
quests - I feel sure God will
give just what is best, but
I cannot keep back the tears
oftentimes when the answers do
not come as I had desired.

Oh how I should love to see you
& dear Mrs. Belden & to hear your
voice in prayer once more. I
think of you a great deal & wish
it was in my power to do some
thing for you. If I was near you
I could help Mrs. Belden about

her sewing, for now that spring
has come I miss making the
little garments for deeding
Madge. Her robes are spotted
now. Oh! how I long to see
the dear child again. - but
"I will wait - till my change come".

With much love
to you & yours - from
E. J. Richardson.

Dear Mr. Belden:

Just after posting
my letter to you this
morning I received
the enclosed from
Dear Mrs. Richardson
& I sent in my letter
and forward it at once.
With repeated expressions
of love and best wishes.

Very truly yours,

Apr. 10th

Anna L. Bowditch

Mrs. Richardson & Miss Emma
Recd. Nov. 18, 1894.

And my
request for
concl. pr.

Mr. H. Belden
Clifton Springs
N. Y.



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