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4 West Ave

My dear brother

Before your letter came, you had been much in my thoughts and prayers. I was hoping that you were so gaining in strength that you could take up your work where you had been obliged to lay it down — & the grace it requires to wait! But if "they serve who wait", you are still in the harness and pulling for the Master.

Tuesday morning we set apart in this household to pray for you.

Mother rec'd this from the Lord in ans. to her prayer, "Even the very hairs of your head are all numbered" which looks as tho' the dear Father was holding you and yours in very loving remembrance and care – & even He should not see best to restore your health.

I cannot remember a season in a long time of more interest and refreshment in prayer than when I was trying to tell the Lord how I wanted your whole will – & it was only His will. I knew you were saying "Thy will be done". And

it ~~dwd~~ did seem very blessed to say with one breath, "Thy will be done", and with the next, "O Lord, make him well and strong again, to preach for thee." My answer was Jonah's answer to his prayer — "Salvation is of the Lord". It did seem to me of the Lord took that recreant servant of his, out of the belly of hell, when he was down at the bottom of the mountains, the weeds wrapped about his head, and all God's billows rolling over him — it was a little

thing for Him to take his loving, obedient servant out of the pit into which he had fallen. And if Jonah was permitted to preach again, that Belden might preach again. I found great comfort in thinking my thoughts before the Lord, and leaving the matter in His loving hands. I hope His "tender mercy" is revealed to you today and every day—

We all want to be remembered to Mrs Belden

and the children. I have had 9 weeks of Grip - but am once more in the full swing of my work - I send you a Card which shows you what I am doing. Mabel is teaching Literature at Drew Ladies Seminary, Carmel N.Y. and Will is in the Mass. School of Technology, Boston. All of us are now in usual health - Write me when you can - but ever I am your brother in Christ

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