

Sunday morning

Juckahost, Aug 19-1888

Rev. W. H. Belden

Dear Bro

We waited for your answer
& sure enough it came to
hand last evening that you
could come. Now my dear Sir
we are all taken aback.

Yesterday we were informed
that the Drain Bridge would
be taken up for repairs next
week. So Mrs. J. and I went to
see the notice & sure enough there
was the notice in writing
saying the bridge would be
taken up on Tuesday for
repairs & would be up un-
til Thursday P. M. - If it may
be a long time as they do not
know how much time

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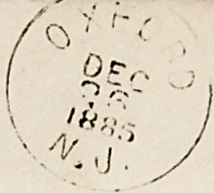
it may require to repair it
now. Dear Bro what can
we do. As many as half
the people lives on this side
I must if they go to Church
cross the bridge. then half
of our congregation of our
Church live on Atlantic
side. and as the bridge is
not to be up only for a few
days. there will be no ^{iron} piers
for transportation except by
small boats, no pontons or
carrages. so we after seeing
the friends & talking over
the matter, we have thought
we could do no better than
drop the matter until some time
later when it will meet
your convenience

Say about the full moon
in September or October
we are so sorry that it
is so that you cannot
come this week as we
have been all over town
& sent word all over the
County around. The
disappointment will be felt
but we can do no better
so you will not lay any
blame to us as it is beyond
our control. The people was
delighted when they heard
you were coming to give
that long looked for lecture
we hope you will not feel
the disappointment as keenly as
we do with kindest regards
to your yours we are as ever
yours &c. Jos C Sheppard

P.S.

I write to day because
the mail goes out so soon
in the morning & the P. O.
is so far away

J C S



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