

Bridgeton N. J.

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My dear Mrs Belden

For two weeks we  
have been going about  
our duties with anxious  
thoughts and heavy  
hearts, because one  
who was so closely  
associated with us is  
stricken and sorely  
afflicted. Many times  
I have recalled the  
incident in Hezekiah's  
experience and wondered  
if your dear sick one

in his occasional returns  
to reason did not offer  
that same earnest  
petition, surely my  
prayer has been that  
"the shadow of the degrees  
in the suicidal" may  
be stayed not only  
ten degrees, but many  
times ten, and God  
would restore him  
in health to his family.  
It is during these seasons  
of great affliction we  
realize our helplessness  
and can only walk  
softly in the presence  
of the Lord, listening  
to the "still small voice."

saying "the still and hallowed Sabbath  
after Christ's Epiphany of repentance  
are heard on every side for joy  
and praise and every message  
from you is eagerly sought.  
I cannot but be rejoiced that  
Mr. Belton will recover, so his  
"coming in" and going out may  
be best to his people, that you  
may be enabled to lay out  
lay the labor in Belton and his  
everlasting name is our prayer

Dear my friend  
Mary to Bridget

For whosoever hath, to him shall  
be given, & he shall have more  
abundance - Matt. XIII - 12 -

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Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a  
man keep my saying, he shall  
never see death - John VIII - 51

Blessed are the pure in heart  
for they shall see God. Matt V. 8