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To Mr & Mrs Selden Scranton:

My dear Friends

Let me send to you all, in your sore bereavement, the assurance of our deep sympathy. Mrs Stevenson & myself have read with great interest the accounts of the heroic death in defence of his Country, of your brother, Capt. Joseph Henry, & we have talked much both of the dead & the living. May God bind up the wounded hearts of his parents & brothers & sisters, & of so many others whose hearts have been made to bleed by this wicked Rebellion. He bravely conquered

The Lord be with you. Faithfully yours
G. C. Stevenson.

as he fell: thus it is in this world, that sorrow & glory mingle, & especially the hour of battle, however victorious, becomes the hour of woe. How delightful the thought that he was not only bravely fighting under the Flag of his Country, but under the smile of Jesus the Captain of his salvation whom for years he had served. Let us see to it, that in faith we gather up the comforts, & bless God that we have the call & the will to make sacrifices for our Country & his Kingdom. Thanks to his holy Name for such a series of wonderful victories, & besides, for his grace given to our President & those in authority, to call the nation to bow before Him & acknowledge Him the God of nations & our God in cov-

enant. O how full of hope for the future.

Having occasion to address the enclosed letter to the Rev. Mr. Knighton, I concluded, as I have been wishing to write to you, to send his letter in your envelope & ask you to hand it to him. May I trouble you, also, when you next write to Wyoming, to forward this & request our friends there to receive it as if reaching them without the brief tarry at your house.

We continue, for the most part, in excellent health. I am very well if I can have a certain amount of freedom & fresh air. I never felt more pleasure in my duties both literary & ministerial: but as to the first, it is more & more plain that I must break the confinement they

demand in a private Institute like this. Accordingly I have accepted from our Board of Publication the interesting special mission to our churches in N. Y. & N. J., indicated by the accompanying letter to your pastor. In the prosecution of it, I shall prolong our vacation, at least through part of the summer, which, while we have lately closed a pleasant session, is more easily done as Boarding-schools especially are evaded by "the times".

As I think of you always in connexion with Scranton, I am reminded that our Archie (now a youth of 16) lately seemed likely to be at home in Scranton. It is out of the question for him to bear a ~~full~~ course of study; he must go into a store or some place of business which will give him a good measure of active exercise; & I had some correspondence with good Mr Fuller on the subject.