

Clifton Springs, N. P.,
June 18, 1896.

Dear Aunt Lucy,

Please excuse
my dilatoriness in acknowledging your
kind check and letter to Cong. Only
today have I ceased the more busy than
I really thought my health justified,
since the Union met June 10th; and
indeed for fully three weeks before that
I was very much tasked with prepara-
tions for the Annual Meeting, which
adjourned yesterday. The Executive meet-
ing of yesterday was the heaviest work of all.

If further days do not prove the
contrary, the recent indications of the degree
to which my strength has returned, seems
to me to justify (which also means to
require) my trying to go back to carrying
my own living, and preaching. We
are thinking over this question now
quite seriously. The interests of our
Union are now at a formative and
reconstructive crisis, as to its organic
relation to the Sanitarium, & I have a
large share in all this; but as that is
in no sense a living & does not com-
pare with the work of the pastorate
anyway, the latter must be decided
independently. But whether I can
depend on the phenomenal vigor
with which I have endured the
strain, greater this year than usual,
I do not yet know. Our president, Dr.

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Lacey, was in serious ill health & I had to supplement him unaided.

Your kind gift came to us at a moment when it seemed a special, divine help. I cannot thank you enough for it, and for all that has preceded it from your hand. I cannot help thinking my father must see & rejoice over your thoughtfulness for his son.

I must cut this short if I catch today's mail but shall write you again presently. We should count

it a welcome favor if you would put our home into your thought of coming to Clifton this summer. With Ellen's love & thanks, & the children's, I am

Your affectionate nephew,

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