

James is not the author
 has a hand with you looking which
 I shall not write for the time being

July 16th 1879

My dear Elad.

Your good letter of yesterday I only
 rec^d at Evening. With ~~the~~ addition
 the contents of both of which I cannot
 for want of time reply to fully now.

I am so filled with sadness at the thought
 of you having the Turkey filed on your mind,
 while the Turks are at our very doors
 while the file is the sword. There is no part
 of it now needing such energetic work as
 on our dear native land. With 30,000,000 of
 unconverted in America & a constantly
 improving from all the quarters of the globe
 vacant pulpits & rooms for hundreds of
 thousands of Sabbath Schools. What a vast
 work is to be done by the Christian patriots
 of America. Systematic work done here
 with God's blessing will make fifty or
 a. . . converts here to one in Turkey —

And Each Soul is of equal value,

You must have on 25,000 in amount
Scranton who never got to church at all
Why not use all your God given power
right then! if any unpleasantness arising,
let it all down by your exertions
you ought to have a S. with 500 scholars
to church with 500 members, & you need
if you all work for it. Push away!
Sow the seed! it will bear fruit by &
bye! I believe if some with you in?
Don't run your S. S. fellow with the poor
leather of Scranton. I must be humbling
talk with you both. Don't make any
commitments yet, till we weigh all the
pros & cons. With a heart full of love for you
both & depending God blessing us you
I am your father
Elihu Scranton



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