

Oxford New Jersey
May 3/90

My Dear William

I have your valued letter the 30th April which I have read with much interest. I am sorry you have to be laid aside with a sprained ankle just at a time when when it suits you least to be afflicted in this way. I hope ^{you} will not move about too early for safety.

I was glad to know that they thought enough of you at Easton to give you another invitation to preach for them, but I would prefer Bristol to Easton by large odds.

I was glad to know that you had rec^d a kind letter from Dr Maxwell I wish he had better health. I have no doubt but you will exchange salutes going you both rest & profit by so doing. I was glad to know also that you have accepted the call to the Bristol Church. I shall hope it was a grand move for both the Church & yourself and family.

I hope you may have a rapid recovery from your lame ankle so that you can attend the General Assembly. I regret to notice that the spirit of Revision generally exhibits ^{not} as amiable a spirit as our side does. May the good Lord overrule all things for His own glory & the true Church of Christ. It is just noon and Ellen has not returned from

The Funeral of one of the Company's employees
named Hessel. I guess Ella will remember him
He died very suddenly, he went to bed in his usual health
and died in the night his wife died some years ago and
a little 12 year old ^{daughter} has kept house ever since.

I calculate to get this hasty scrawl off in our
noon train but just at this time Mary sent a note up by
Gertrude for Sarah & myself to come down & dine with them
Ellen being there on her way home from the funeral.

Lily ^{writes} states that she & Mother Henry expect to pay us
a short visit the 13th of this month the latter needs a little
change. Mary Lukins has just rec'd a letter from Carrie
Humphrey that their glass work were destroyed last week
by fire she speaks of it as having cleaned them all out
she writes discouragingly but don't ^{give} ~~severely~~ ^{partic} ~~clay~~
I hope to hear they were insured.

Aunt Ellen and I were delighted to re-
ceive such a fine letter from your promising daughter
Mary, it does her great credit. If I had time and
strength I ~~would~~ would be happy to answer it.

We are much behind with our garden work
but to day we begin to make a pretty good start. If
the weather favors us will make considerable pro-
gress in another week. My recovery to health is
very slow. I walked down to the office yesterday for the
first time in about 5 months. Please keep us advised

of your movements. Cousin Sarah has not been
in good health this Spring. She would like to help Ellie set her
new home in order if she felt in condition to do so.
All join in love & best wishes
Yours Very affectionately
D. S. Scranton

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