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Belden Paulson Library

His sermons are not scholarly, but I think he is a worker. I called there one day this week and had quite a long talk with him. He seems to have a spirit of great earnestness and spirituality. I think I told you that I imagined that he was rather Methodistical in his ways, but I was mistaken. He is very quiet in the pulpit and in prayer-meeting. He is a strong woman's rights man so far as church work is concerned, at least, and is appealing to the ladies to take a more active part in the Thursday evening meeting.

Last Thursday evening ten or twelve ladies repeated verses and four or five made some comments upon their verse.

Bristol, Conn.,

Sept. 24, 1892.

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Belden,

I was glad to receive your letter some weeks ago, since then I have heard through Miss Klans that you have gone to house-keeping. I was quite surprised to hear this but presume it will be pleasant for you all if the "water" doesn't get you out. I should be glad to hear from the girls. I suppose they received my letter. I suppose the population

of Clifton is rapidly decreasing these days as the winter's work calls our workers home.

I wonder if you have heard the result of the annual foreign missionary meeting. Mrs. Miles was elected for president; Clara B. and Mrs. Goodwin, vice-presidents; Jennie Atwood, secretary; and Mrs. Montgomery, treasurer. Clara, Mrs. Goodwin, and Della Barnes are the program committee. The members were requested to bring a special thank-offering with appropriate verse or expression of gratitude. The response was very gratifying about forty dollars was received, and the sentiments expressed were very good. Mrs. Kebleton wrote a beau-

tiful letter expressing her gratitude to God for her freedom from pain after nine months of suffering. Mrs.

Miles was not here, as some business detained her in Vermont. She however led the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting last Sunday evening - subject temperance, and we had a very interesting and inspiring meeting. I am very much pleased with Mrs. Miles. She is a fine-looking woman, and seems to have a great deal of energy and zeal. I think she bids fair to be a worthy successor of our former pastor's wife, although that is saying a great deal I know.

Mrs. Miles, too, impresses me more favorably than I expected he would.

Next week Tuesday the Farmington  
Valley conference meets here.

I don't know that there is any  
special news. Mr. Ingraham's death  
has broken up that home for the  
present at least. Mrs. Ingraham  
and Maud are staying at William's  
now, but expect to go to New York  
soon where Maud is to spend the  
winter and study music.

Mr. Goodwin has gone into the  
store this week for the first time  
since his sickness. The Griggs fam-  
ily are as well as usual, I believe.

I am feeling much better than  
when I was at Clifton. I can't  
work very hard; but if I take life  
rather easily I feel almost well.  
Give my love to the children. I  
should like to see you all, but

I can't say that I long for Clifton,  
although I think it is well  
that I went when I did.

Mother sends her love to you.

With affectionate regards,  
E. Jennie Peck.



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