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My dear Cousin,
Your very
welcome lines of last week
should have been acknow-
ledged immediately, had
they not found ^{me} in the midst
of a great press of work;
& I therefore ^{take} this first op-
portunity, to tell you of
my great pleasure in
hearing from you once a-
gain. I am very glad
to hear that you & the
little folks are all well,
but sorry that Carrie should
be afflicted with Malaria
or any other trouble - how-
ever I can imagine how
that being at home again,

compensate for all her
ills. I was & am very
sorry to hear of William's
unsuccessful attempt at
seeing me, while in town
& that she next
time he will meet with
better success. My home
is at 63 Livingston St. &
my Study here in the
Church, 347 Jay St. I
am seldom to be found
at the first address, ex-
cepting at meal-times -
& am always at the
Study in the morning.

What a good idea
to spend the happy Xmas
holidays at Bethlehem! Only
I am so sorry to say, that
owing to the fact of
Cousin Ellen Helwig's family

coming from Ohio, to
spend the holidays, with
the folks at home, our
house will be full. I
am very sorry to have to
tell you so, for I know
all at home, with me,
would be too happy to
have a visit from you
too. I expect to spend
Xmas week in Bethlehem
from Monday evening on -
It would be ever so nice
to find you there - for I am
very anxious to see you
& hear some of the many
experiences that you have
made ~~since~~ ^{while} you have
been away. It must
all seem like a dream to
you now, I imagine, & yet
I doubt not the reality,

has been powerful enough
to cause you to realize what
it means to be at home,
once more, & surrounded by
all the dear ones who suf-
fered, perhaps nearly as much
as you did by the Separation.

Fourteen months of
my first pastorate are
just completed. Of course
they have been filled with
all manner of experiences
both pleasant & sad; yet
on reviewing the road
over which I have come,
I can see how wonderfully
I have been led & blessed.

We have a comparatively
small congregation here;
yet I have found plenty
of work to be done, & am
thankful to say that we
have had increased in-
terest, proved by an in-

Improvement in the attendance
at the services & in the zeal
of the people in the several
departments of the church. —

We are, of course, busy
with preparations for Weds.
Next week I shall help build
the ~~tab~~^{up} in the infant class
room, on Monday afternoon
26th. we will have the reg-
ular Weds. Service with the
Candles. How pleasant the
anticipation is! I am as
happy about it as though
I were a child myself; &
trust that I may ever
be able to enter into the
spirit of this happy time
as I do now. Of course you
will have a tree for the
four little Cousins as one
of the presents — It is lovely
to think of such a present
of little New Cousins. Coun-

getting quite captivated my
heart a year ago - but what
would I do now, surrounded
by herself & two little foreign
Cousins! I really think
that I ought to have the
pictures of your "Chips" & "Ellie",
haven't you any to spare?

It must have been pleas-
ant for you to have met the
Bell children in London -

I had a very pleasant
visit from Cousins Anna &
Jane & Helen - I think the

very day you arrived in
N. York.

I hope your
father & mother, McClellan
& Aunt Ellen, Mary & her family
Jennie & the rest are all

well. When you come with
me again, if ever you come
this way, let me know. -

With love to William & Miss
Ann McClellan. I shall