

My very Dear Friend,

Byfield June 6 1817

Your kind letter has come to hand. I was very glad to hear of your comfort & success. but surprised at your not having received a letter from me the last year. I wrote immediately after Election by mail informing you of your different appointments. And as you had professed to receive advantage from my scribbles, I tried to make it true by filling it running over full of advice. But I believe I have forgotten it. No matter. I rejoice, that while I am decreasing, you are increasing. Your journal to the A. S. Society was remarkably acceptable. I have the sublime joy of assuring you, that you are esteemed & respected by both the Societies. I consider it one of the felicities of my life, that God permitted me to have some agency in bringing you forward, tho I am ashamed & humbled, that I did so little.

Could you find some place, which would give you two or three hundred dollars per annum, I have no doubt that each of the Societies in Boston would employ you to the amount of 100 \$ per year for a number of years. These Societies now are doing the same for several ministers. The Mass-Miss-Society vote annually 6 or 700 \$ to 6 or 7 ordained Ministers to teach them where they are, Mr Peet, Smith, Williams, Warren &c are of the number. I presume you will before receiving this letter from the Secretaries of both Societies, that you are again employed. I assigned you Fairfax. & vicinity because I thought it would best accommodate you & be equally useful to others. If we should live, & you should have

home, as to places, as I think you must have, I wish you would
form one, & at the same time point out the locality of the
place, its importance, advantages, & necessities. As you advance
in life, home will become more & more desirable, & roving about, even
too good, more & more irksome; I should advise you, therefore,
however, Providence shall open a door in a growing Society to
settle, transfer your property there, & feel at home. In a few years, it
might be expected, that they would wholly support you, i.e. with the help
of your farm & some labor, which would do you no harm, but strengthen
your health, & prolong your life. Strictly speaking, no Society in
this region wholly supports its minister. They take board, or keep
school, or labor on farm, or make books to eke out their salary.

It is not wise to make dependance on future years, to be elated with
hope, or depressed with fear; yet such people as you & I, of dark com-
plexion, & thoughtful minds, are very prone to be sad & gloomy, as
you mention in your letter concerning yourself. Formerly, I had
gloom, & melancholy, & grief, & horror of spirit; but of late years
I have been easy & cheerful, much more so than when I was 20
years of age. Doubt not your of form with variety. Experience is a
remedy; the longer we live, & find that our fears & terrors are not reali-
zed, we begin to hope they never will be, & so become tranquil & cheer-
ful. The past kindness of God is a wonderful argument to excite us
to hope & trust in his kindness for time to come. What the wife

of Mennoh said to him has always appeared to me to contain
sound reason & pure faith. 'If the Lord were disposed to destroy us
would he show us such things as these &c — But when I began
this paragraph, I meant only to say, that it is not wise to depend on future
time, yet should I live, & Moses go to college in a year or two, as I hope
he will, possibly Elijah might come here with advantage to him
& comfort to me. My Dear boy, you must be diligent, & upright, & obedi-
ent to your parents. With these virtues you will find friends, & comfort,
& success — — — — —

My children are answering all my expectations; the youngest daughter is
her mother. They are a vast comfort to me. They never make
me ashamed; but gladden my heart a hundred times every day.
Moses might enter college this fall — if he were old enough. He is
a good scholar in Latin & Greek.

We are all, all as loving & affectionate as ever, &
with great sincerity I am

My Dear Sir

Your cordial friend
E. Jarvis

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My Dearest, Dear Friend,

I just received yours of the 23rd left with all the sensibility which it was calculated to inspire. While listening to my feelings I became almost ready to retract on my return. But I think that sphere of action forbids it. He that will come after me let him deny himself and follow me, is the responsible declaration of our Saviour Christ. Our hand is to the plough and we are not to go back. I wrote you by the last mail but still cannot feel satisfied to let the great fact without assuring that I have received yours. You must be sensible that my situation as well as yours in relation to my family, must be a perfect agony but I am happy that we have one and the same source of consolation, and that which I humbly hope and trust will be sufficient to support us under all circumstances. You are my Dear, upon and in my heart continually and day and night, being you before God imploring grace for you in this time of need. We have always found Him a perfect help in time of ^{trouble} ~~trouble~~, and after seeing so much of His goodness it would be very ungrateful to doubt it in the present

case. I hope you will be kept from every unreasonable
anxiety. Do not want for any thing you can obtain if
you had more money I think that you can have it
Mr. Edg. Mathews. I should write him on this subject
but I think there is not the least need of this. Shall be
if I can have it it will be all that is necessary. For a few
weeks to come you will sadly concern. I shall be in
much anxiety. If circumstances should so arise that my
return in your judgment all things considered, would be
justified you must not conceal them from me. I am
glad that our mutual concerns have taken so favorable
a direction. I am glad that you can give so favorable
an account of the boys, it seems as if they must be con-
fused with the importance of doing now as well as they
can. I rejoice with trembling in view of the recovery
you speak of in Mr. Heywood's family. It will no doubt
be right to encourage every thing that has a tendency
to impress them with the importance of the soul and
the preciousness of Christ. Give my love to them and
tell them not to act hastily in things of the greatest
importance. I hope and pray that they may be
guided aright. My letters seem to be acceptable wherever
I have been, tho' they have not apparently been attended
with that success in turning sinners to God I could have

wished. keep out to pray for me. I want for nothing
this world offers, but have been treated with the utmost
kindness by all. I have seen my brother and
expect to visit his family next week. I should have been
glad to have known whether Betsy Thomas is with you
but must at present take it for granted. The time will
soon pass that remains until I hope to see you and
join with you in saying goodbye. I feel safe in leaving
you in the hands of God. He will do us no wrong. He offers
me无可比拟的报答 that I have reason to hope
that we shall again together possess in the world of
light. You will see that I have written to Joseph by my
other letter, but I shall write again soon perhaps to
day. We must expect disappointments will attend every thing
here; but we have done all we can and must leave
the event to God. I have the same feelings. I shall give him
no liberty to go to any other school. I hope you will
dismiss your anxieties about him for what will they
avail? Nothing shall be wanting that I can do and here
I must stop. Tell my dear children I love them dearly
and they must love God and be kind to their Mother.
My dear couple, the care of the business is now in your
hands and you must do your best. Get every thing you have to
do done as early as possible. Let nothing be neglected. Let not the
cattle go among the apple trees. Let your grain and kill them
early. Take good care of your ox and keep him as long as it will
pay. But remember you have but little energy left. Love you and
take care and early with me. My respects to all. Love you
L. Love you