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Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1860.

Dear Father,

Your Letter of Oct  
6<sup>th</sup> has come to hand.

The Money you sent, comes very  
handy indeed. I was about  
that much in debt yet for  
funeral expenses. I will  
consider it borrowed money &  
endeavor to return at some  
future time.

Your exhortation, - to be recon-  
-ciled to afflictions; - to be adm-  
-onished of the shortness of Human  
Life; & to be ready for a dying  
hour &c, are in accordance with  
my own views, of these things.  
Certain fit is; We are but as  
Pilgrims & Strangers while  
traveling life's uneven journey;  
Subject to trials & difficulties on

every hand. And well in it  
for Man that in the fullness  
of the Gospel, may be found a  
Balm for every wound, — a Cordial  
for every fear. I mean the  
full Assurance of Faith; the  
Hidden Life within; to which  
you are not a Stranger.

During the last twelve months  
my Trials have been not of a  
light Nature; but nothing has  
been able to destroy my Peace, for  
a single hour; but all is clear,  
& bright, Spiritually.

The Doctrine of Holiness of heart  
is preached considerably by our  
Minister here; but only two  
or three in all the Church,

[170 members in all] seem to arrive  
at that clear bright Spot in  
Christian Experience; which is so  
very desirable. Many appear to  
be earnestly seeking for that —

That Rest where all our souls desire,  
Is fixed on Christ above,  
Where Grief & Fear, & Sin, expire,  
Cast out, by Perfect Love.

And truly,  
The Christian who <sup>lives</sup> below his  
privilege in this respect, is but  
living at the halve; - not even  
receiving half the benefits of  
Religion. In comparison with  
this Treasure, Wealth, Honor, &  
Distinction are but trifles.

So long as I have my health I think  
we shall not suffer from want,  
Especially, when Provisions are as plentiful  
as <sup>they are</sup> this year.

A Friend, <sup>(unsolicited)</sup> a few days since, gave  
me the use of one of his Houses  
until Spring, free of expense,  
which will save me some 25 or  
30 Dollars.

Yours &c  
E. C. Warren

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