

Beloved Friends

Gustavus August 24, 1830

Thinking that a letter from your mother would be agreeable and knowing that she could not write herself, I requested her to dictate one, in order for me to write for her, but she chooses to have me write what she would express in my own form. I should before this have written for her, but I could not make up my mind to lay before you taught in wisdom & knowledge the simple effusions of my pen, but the desire that you should not be disappointed in what you have a right to expect, to know that your letters and favors were not unwelcome, with some other considerations induces me now. Grandma was well pleased with the presents - wishes to thank Aunt for her kind remembrance of her. Knowing her fondness for reading you may judge the book was not unacceptable and how high she prizes it. She says it is a valuable book - She feels that you are placed in a station where the duties must constantly occupy your time, and that she cannot receive the personal attention she would were she in her native place, and from the attentions she has of late received by letter, think she is not forgotten though your duties and cares increase - She says it will be a pleasure to receive & read any papers you value - the papers mentioned in your letter never arrived - We take the Religious Intelligencer - She wishes to advise as a mother but says her ideas are too confused to connect for me to put on paper and wishes me to write as a mother would to a child, but how can I judge of a mother's feelings to her son, or what she would say to him. She wishes to warn you to be faithful as a Christian minister, and says I have judgement - I can express what she feels better than she can say it - but how can I advise or warn one so much older in years, and superior in knowledge - I shall creep out from taking the part of a mother

upon me - If I could only see him she says, I could ^{say} all I wish - come then my dear uncle and see your mother once more, come and see your sisters and renew an acquaintance and affection which has seemed to be broken off - you need not be absent over 4 weeks - It is doubtful whether you see them all except you come to Ohio. I asked Grandma what I should say to a request in one of your letters, respecting your connection with the Episcopal Church - she says "I have charity for the Church, if he did it from conscientious motives I am satisfied - I hope he was not so blinded as to it from any other". She asks me to write a request for her - "It would be a great comfort to me to know if Mariette takes any interest in religion". - Grandma's health has been better this summer than it was last, till a few weeks ago she thought she would go to meeting half a day - she has been more unwell ever since - she concludes what she would say by "tell him how my blessing and daily prayer - may he be blessed and prospered of God".

My dear uncle will you not write to me - it would be a great pleasure to receive letters from you and I take it upon me to say that if it would not be a burden and tax upon you, they would not be unanswered. indeed I would like to know if I offend, injure, or grieve your feelings by presuming to write this. The cares and fatigues of a family take up so much of the time of my mother and aunts they cannot write being out of the habit of it, and I who ~~have~~ have a lively affection for my relatives, and can hardly content myself that there should be so little communication between Connecticut and Ohio have not confidence enough in my ^{to write} abilities to send forth my letters - so we do not hear very often from Connecticut. Should you be disposed to spend time to write to me, I should be interested to have you explain the doctrines of the Episcopal Church, or wherein they differ from the Presbyterian church - I have an idea the principal difference is their mode of worship, and admitting persons to the communion of the church without being regenerated in heart - George expects to enter the Western Reserve College at Hudson near the first of October - my father chooses to send him there on account

of it being so near he can come home vacations, and he can provide clothes and whatever he will want, better, than if he were at a great distance - the college is in a very prosperous state now - there was quite an awakening among the students last spring - Friends ^{here} are well - our family send their love to yours - Ma would thank you for her letter - she is so little used to writing she thinks she cannot write but could give proofs better by personal attention. ~~that~~ he to come here that she loves her brother - remember me to my aunt and cousins - I shall always remember the short but pleasant visit I had with them and you.
Yours affectionately Adeline G. Griswold

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