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Philadelphia September 16th 1832

Dear Brother

As we have received no intelligence from you since your departure from our city in May last I thought I would write a few lines to you to let you know that we still remember you & would be very glad to receive a letter ^{from} you. We were sorry to learn thro the medium of the Advocate that you & your companions had so narrow an escape from death but we trust that it has long ere this worked for your & their good. My Dear companion is now laboring under severe affliction caused by an attack of the inflammatory rheumatism. We have enjoyed tolerable health this summer notwithstanding the just judgements of God in the form of Cholera has visited us. But few of our friends have had it & nearly all of those have recovered from it. So mercifully has the Lord dealt with us. We are anxiously praying the great Head of the Church to make the existence of this terrible epidemic a blessing to his people & a warning to sinners. I have the pleasure of informing that Sister Sharp ^{has} embraced religion & joined our society since you were here her companion & an apprentice of theirs have also obtained ^{the} like precious faith & are now rejoicing in God their Saviour. The work of God does not progress very rapidly ^{in the city now} except in Kensington. Where the Lord makes bare his arm in a most glorious manner sinners are converted & believers are sanctified the revival now seems to be chiefly confined to the youth young men from between 18 & 25 many of them have come forward & pledged themselves to live for God. This circumstance will no doubt be pleasing to every lover of the truth who desires to

see the advancement of the Redeemers Kingdom — We have
been to two campmeetings both of them were good but
the last of them was the most remarkable on account
of the number who embraced religion 93 souls happily
& we trust soundly converted to God were the fruits of
that meeting It was held near Sharptown not many miles
distant from the place where you had the pleasure preaching
in Jersey. The number who joined with us at that camp
meeting will appear small to you when you are in the habit
of receiving a hundred or more as the trophies of redeeming
love at one of your encampments but we feel to thank the
Lord for all that is done & to his name be all the glory —
Brother Scott is well & did he know that I was writing to
you would no doubt desire to be affectionately remembered
to you as he often speaks of you He has been much devoted
to God this summer spending all his time strength & talents
in the service of his master — My Dear Husband desires
you to remember him in ^{his} afflictions & difficulties before a throne
of grace that he may be divinely supported & be enabled at
last to meet you in the Kingdom of Glory Thither by the grace
of God we are tending For my own part I can truly say
I never felt so much given up to God as I do at the present
time Religion & Heaven never seemed so desirable nor ever
did I feel so willing to part with all for the sake of Jesus
You will undoubtedly respond may it ever be thus. Amen
I hope you will not forget your promise of writing to us
remember us to your family whom not having seen we love
in the Lord — Remember us to Brother Young when you
see him if you please.
Yours affectionately
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