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City of Fanesville
My dear Bro. & May 13th 1850

I rec^d yours of the 13th Ult, which re-
-quested me to write "In two weeks," but in
this I have dis appointed you, for when
the time came my wife was sick, with the
bustle of house cleaning, and the weather
cold — fire ~~dead~~ out — & every thing topsy-
-turvy. My ^{wife} is about the house again — and
this good monday morning with a worn
out memory, & a broken down under-
-standing (such I feel them comparatively to be)
my heart feels grateful for the continued
remembrance of my old friend.

There is a time & place in a m^t preacher
experience that is exceedingly hard to be
borne, that is the state of transition from
being able to perform duty, to that condi-
-tion in which he is not able — The fears
the anxiety, the temptations, bodily afflictions,
& mental anguish, with any remains of the
carnal mind & the devil to mix & stir them
all together — If he cannot cast himself
& all his burden on the merits & intercession
of the Lord Jesus Christ "He is of all men
the most miserable!" I had your "Vision life".
in a few days after it was published. I will
be much read I have no doubt it is very generous

Recd & answered
May 14th

Rev Amos B. Cheney
Canton
Ohio

got up different from other books, the circumstance alone would cause it to be read — & it is much in favor of the Vol. that it is not too large. I am glad that the publisher stopped at 1. Vol — for your readers feel interested until they have turned the last page.

You may be right in laying your other M.S. by — "for of making many books there is no end much study is a weariness to the flesh"

You will have seen by the Advocate in this that both Massey & Leary report reveals in Garrisonian — May the Lord fill the earth with reforming revivals that will end in a better world.

I think with you that our state convention will do no good — I doubt whether there be a case on record where a tolerably good constitution has been altered only by making it worse. —

Above all you must not forget that "next" this "Summer" when I hope to have greater satisfaction than can come from this cold correspondence.

I am in common health for me — but having started in time before you, I think it very likely I shall leave you among the events which may succeed my funeral

May the God of our Father, & bless you & yours
Wm Hiney
Your old friend
Wife joins in love to you all.

D. Garrison