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If I live I will visit you -

Mary sends her Old Love to you
and Hannah - May the Lord bless you
my Father - - - or ever I return

tell Eliza that when I need to Mary the Name
of Children she has - Mary declared her over
the Lord's name - - -



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Thos J. McManis

I should be glad to hear from you often
and would like to see you in thinking of my friends
of the joyful communion with you

Brownsville 9th May

Dear James and Hannah We have just
recd your kind letter and truly rejoice to
hear from you and was in this state
of tears - - The allusion in your letter to
Old times - another tender remembrance
which we treasure - the painful
time and death has made great
gaps in the circle of your Old friends since
you lived in Old Brownsville and
Old Aunt Mary with the superintending
love of Peace friendship - the Old Lady
still lives - - and is nursing her
M. & Eliza's family have suffered in their
fortune by severity - - but it is dead
there is a struggle - and since you
will never do any good - Maria
is moved well and so her love - but
I fear they will none of them
be remembered by their Master
I regret their lost fall and fear
the Old Woman as wicked as ever
Death has also made great
vacuities among our Old friends
in Brownsville

I have just recd a letter from my
Brethren in Wheeling giving me an
account of the death of Old Mother How-
-kins - who has just gone home
she died happy - talked of her old
friends and sent her dying love
to me - - Surely we may say the
Larkens of this World pass away

Well bless God there is a better world
- - Where the inhabitants will never
die - - then we shall meet when the
tail of life is over - and shar-
-ing each other shall greet

and triumph over pain and
death - - O what is life without
the Love of God - - I am glad to
hear that Heaven prosper you in
benevolence - - Will do remember
the deers whom I used to humble
and see stars in the pulpit of the
Old stone Meeting House - -

My family are well at present but
my health is poor - - I aim to keep
the rule of prudence

that I should go the afternoon to the King-
-dom - God's will be done, the know-
- our best what is good for us - - I should
- be glad to live and hang up
my children and preach the gospel
if it were the will of God - -

Let I know that to depart and be with
Christ is far better - I never loved
God on this earth - I do now - -

as we approach the nearer of our
eternal state we should grow more
like God - - I am often comforted
with the prospect I have a better
World - - where in God's light I shall
renew the Moral and Physical
harmonies of the Universe - -

O who can tell what is implied
in a cross of life - I think you
might spend a few weeks profitably this
fall in attending our conference with
Bishops Doel and visiting your old
friends - - Should you continue
in benevolence on the year