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but I very often have you both upon my mind & whether I write or I am silent, the best affections of my heart are with you. You speak of having a bad cold. I hope the usual health of yourself & the Doctr. is good.

I truly sympathise with poor, dear Israel, yet trust he will be sustained & strengthened to apply with untiring dilligence, mind & hands, to whatever he can find to do. Let him be guarded to resent no supposed wrongs, of there be any. Strive to make no enemies. This counsel rests upon sound principle, as well as policy, especially on the part of a young man.

Your community is very large — the industrial pursuits & vocations very many. He has character, acquaintance, & friends. With a little time & perseverance he will discover some opening for him. I feel very much for him, but bid him be of good cheer, & trust in Divine Providence. I cannot but hope if his misfortunes make the meritorious man of him that they should, & are sanctified to him, he will yet be granted a brighter time of it. The 1st Lant. is passed, we have of course been much engrossed here, but it is not too late for me to hand him a New years gift, to help meet current expenses. I enclose therefore a Check for $200. which please hand him with a message of my love. I do not know of any thing offering here I should be afraid to attempt to transplant him. I can hardly think the field a better one here, than there. We shall be glad to have Mary with us on her return. Perhaps