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Philad^a Sept 16th 1860

My Dear Wife

With some little feeling of thankfulness, but a deep sense of utter unworthiness, and a very imperfect faith, I enter upon this sacred day, and feel drawn at the very outset towards you and the dear children with you, as well as those more near me in bodily presence though not any dearer to my affections - and equally beyond my reach for any other influence than that which may be exercised by earnest prayer to God, that He will keep them safe in their way. - If their safety were dependant on the sometimes and imperfectly of my prayers, there would be but little to hope for them. What a mercy it is that there is one Advocate with the Father Jesus Christ the and what comfort is there in the character of the Advocate. "The Righteous"! Those who put on Him are on a Rock indeed. Many you and I, and our children may dig deep and lay our foundation, not on the sandy foundation of mere knowledge of the truth, but by a living Faith, may we rest on Him, and examine ourselves diligently that we may know the Evidence that we are rooted and grounded in Him which is from within, only by Him living in us and working as He doth God hath ordained that we should walk in them.

and I suppose not likely to improve Mr Cracraft made an importunate appeal to the Congregation to endeavor the service better, implying that all attend the Friday Evening Meeting. I am somewhat doubtful about my duty in that respect, and shall take time to think carefully about it & pray that I may be led to a wise decision. I have enjoyed the services greatly in past times, but do not feel drawn to them at present. I have no objection to the character of the meeting and no hesitation about uniting in the service though I should prefer one in which the service of the Church was used exclusively. It is a good and pleasant thing to pray & praise in any manner.

Mrs Buckley & Elizabeth Edward and Gertrude tomorrow to spend the day. The children wonderfully well & cheerful -

I have heard nothing yet from Mrs Morris

With much love to the dear children and kisses to Cornelia & Mary

Your most affnt Husb
Caspar Morris

I was obliged to get the larger carriage on the old one required repairs

I find I can not spare the horse at present. Will Charley work in single harness? If he will I can send you this part & one lent. but I find Darling is too small to drive alone & Pilsbat are better - I am sorry to disappoint you - let me know how you are doing about horses. Write