SIDE ONE

give the check to James
and he will give you the $5.
& let me know about the other $10

Monday morning

Philadelphia Sept 29th 1860

A letter for S. just rec'd & say
Mary I would not be in
J. B. alt. about the law on
morning

My Dear Wife

Having returned home earlier than is my wont, this evening I seat myself once more to acknowledge the comfort and privilege of having rec'd a letter from you announcing the continued health and happiness of your portion of our family & thankful am I not for that only but that I have been able to make a similar report for here with the exception of Mrs Buckley who in spite of my remonstrances has laid herself up by too great exertion in aiding Mrs Ellis & Nan, as well as in getting carpets for her own floors, and though last not least, by accompanying Mrs Winter to the dentist to support her in having her teeth drawn in order to supply their place with pro-claim. I hope it will be only a temporary affair. When I got there this evening I found Annie Frost had come in by herself to sit with her aunt pending the return home done when in her usual health. She will go to Germantown next Tuesday - I walked home the week down stairs without any assistance and walked smartly to the steps with no support. When left off I went to Aunt & heard the last accounts from Israel & his sons. All to were in health all well & enjoying themselves. Elizabeth enquired so particularly about you that I read a part of your letter about the Chickens and about the beans & Potatoes. She was most gratified and said she had never met with the beans till this

My own checkbook also - I did not give him the money & now remember why - The poor woman had been buried before I rec'd it. and I determined not to pay it without consulting James & forgot to do it. I thought of it was a donation from himself. It was hardly necessary to tax him as I know he had many claims upon him. He mentioned when he spoke about it at Long Neck that it was for the Matthews family. I will give it to Richard if he says so as it is only fair that they should help their friends. I ask him whether I shall give it to Richard or send it back to him for the Matthews -

It has been very cold here all day cloudy but not raining. I hope you were able to get to church either morning or afternoon - I suppose you will generally chose the earlier part of the day as the afternoons are now so short. I wish that I were with you - but I believe I am not yet clear of Philadelphia. If I dared I should just run away & leave you God knows what is best. Did I tell you that Mr Craycroft & Mr Weakes had been trying to patch up a junction between the two congregations & the Covenant people only demanded the privilege of appending the entire history and that the name of the Church should be changed. I would not be interfered in any way in the question. Such proposition is only in keeping with the entire course they have pursued. But now my dear wife being commended you to the precious chalice to the Covenant care of a gracious Lord I will bid you farewell - Love to dear Caroline & every one that parents & any of mine family about you

Your loving & faithful husband
Richard Collins