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3/ Stars of the East upon which
Abraham gazed in faith" so shall ye
you mentioned in a letter from Mr Chester,
having heard Dr Dawson in the Cathedral
there: he, with other eminent English
clergymen, having attended our General
Convention, is now "seeing the Lands" &
also being seen & heard. Dr Morton was
one of a delegation to receive & entertain
them here, & since the reception, he has
enjoyed meeting Dr Dawson repeatedly, &
a collection of Autumn leaves from our
woods which he showed Dr D. delighted him
so much, that Dr Morton has been collecting
& arranging some for him. Alice seems
really well, full of life & activity, &
Helen with her two children have been
paying a visit of a month to her Father;
four children she has, - both boys: - the
elder a sturdy little mountaineer of the
Highlands -. I enclose to you "my Ain
countree", - I think it beautiful, - have
enough Scotch in me, to love the
"Mither-tongue" & its own simple pathos.
Will it reach you on the Nile? - a wanderer
where Abraham was a wanderer, beneath
than before, are you dearest friend. Tom Niel