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My kind Friend, must think me very remiss in not acknowledging the receipt of his beautiful present ere this (for which many thanks) the cause will explain when I see you, which I hope will be very soon

with much respect & love your ~~[illegible]~~ friend

M R Clark

In the rural abodes of our kind Relatives, — At Bw. Pa. — Sister Ca. Pa. — Sometimes we say, — "They wander wide who roam — for the joys of life from home". —

Lately, I have felt very near thee, as if our thoughts were blending! — Certainly our aspirations have been to the same gracious "Father in Heaven" The "Good Shepherd" to whom only we can thus appeal,

"In suffering be Thy love my Peace,
"In weakness be Thy love my power,
"And when the Storms of life shall cease
"Jesus! in that momentous hour, —
"In Death, as life — be Thou my Guide
"And save me, who for me hast died".

This MOS. in poor cos. Cath.e Bache's bed room I could view that most interesting picture, which again brought thee to mind! Our dear Dr. H L H — surrounded by his five sons! — So admirably grouped! Perhaps there hast been a similar one taken last Christmas!? —

It is damp, and cool here now, and I have been able to to ride out almost every pleasant day: Tho' often thro' the hot weather I wd have been thankful for an opportunity, to Long, or some other Mountain resort to build up the feeble frame — when the "pins of the Tabernacle seem'd loosening"!

But blessings abound! Perhaps I ought not to seek more? —

Last 5th day — we enjoyed a