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Extract from a letter written by
Father to Mr. J. C. Benson, of Paterson,
New Jersey, Feby. 19, 1870.

"You renewedly refer to the trials & sacrifices I was called to endure, through nearly forty years of conflict with the terrible Slave Power of the South; but I simply discharged a very obvious duty, and can appropriate to myself very little of the exalted praise you are pleased to bestow upon me. All that you say about my beloved wife, & about my indebtedness to her as a ministering spirit, I can heartily endorse. In the darkest hour I ever saw, she always stood serenely & undauntedly by my side; so that I was greatly strengthened in the inner & the outer man in having such a wife, & such

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a home as she made for me. And we have been signally blessed in our children, who are all that we could desire in filial affection, in unity of spirit, in exemplary conduct, & in aspirations for what is good and true. '

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Father,
(To J. C. Benson,)
Febry. 19, 1870.