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Widd. Coll. Jan. 1. 1820

Dear Friend your thine welcome letter
I have delayed answering in such that I
might hear from you by Mr Robinson
who has lately returned here; & I rejoice to
hear that you & yours are well, beloved
& respected; improving every opportunity
of usefulness within your reach.
I feel when reading yours that though
change in climate you are not changed
in mind or attachment ~~to our walk~~
together while in college, our company
during while in Andover, our occasional
a meeting afterwards, & our parting
visit to the Stebbins, all rose up to my
mind with distinctness. The journal of
Mr Burd I always read with interest; &
you have had trials; you have had what is
encouraging, my Brother. You have the
conviction of knowing that your labor
has not been in vain in the Lord; & in
the changes that are going on I cannot
but ^{believe} that there will be a wide door

A pamphlet printed to you, which your
exposure will enable you to enter.

Some changes are going ^{on} in this coun-
try, some for the better & some for the
worse. You know I presume of the
Haven controversy on the nature of sin.
It still continues, those of the old school
maintaining that our friends do not
pronounce Sibbolls distinctly, while
they on the other hand insist upon it
that Sibbolls is Sibbolls. However
the view that Mr. M. J. in consist in or
act of choice may be viewed, or however
it squares with previous sentiments, & I think
it departs a little from the sentiments of
the old writers, still it is difficult to deny
its correctness. The cause of Religion is pro-
siding; though in one form & another there
is considerable opposition. The Society for
promoting the observance of the Sabbath
on ~~the~~ obtaining subscribers to a
Memorial in behalf of those who
are now obliged to open the post office
on the Sabbath. With rather better

chance of success than last year. The A.
E. Society has become a very powerful
society so much so that although it is ac-
complishing great good, there has lately sprung
up a jealousy in regard to their that
may do some what impede its operations.
It is said that the money that was paid
to Lempereur is to be refunded to be again
sent to the Society, & if ~~the~~ money should
of its course should go into the hands
of other men, it ~~would~~ ^{might} become a tre-
mendous engine of evil. This is the argu-
-ment of President Cameron. Mr
Stuart has replied, & P. Cameron has
replied.

Last evening I received a line
from Brother Bull. He is presently
dettd & is happily employed in a labor
I shall hope to write to you again
by Mr Robinson. Who I believe hopes
to return to Greece next Autumn.
we have received for our ^{editors} articles
which you sent to the Herald & I
value them more for your sake. If you
could conveniently make up a box
each a matter it would be very good.

ably secured, & the College would
expect to pay the whole expense of their
potatoes.

Rev. W. C. Fowler, Midd. Coll. Jan. 1.
Raysroot near Oct. 1. 1830

Rev Isaac Bird

Alphington
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And now may I trust may God
bless you in your labors in your
family in your joy & afflictions. My
wife & mine with much kind wishes
extend to yourself & Mrs Bird. I shall hope to

hear from you as often as you can