

To Abraham Davy.

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My dear friend
Abraham Davy.

Our friend Prot: Andrew Mather being about to leave for Sydney in the "Schah," I feel unwilling that he should fail to be the bearer of a single line to thee from J. D. or myself, lest thou shouldst give way to a feeling as though thou wast at all forgotten by us. I believe I may safely say, on our joint behalf, that thou hast been much in our remembrance; & we have felt a little disappointed in not having received more definite information as to the manner in which thou art getting along; our last accounts having left thee involved in many perplexities, from which it would be pleasant to hear thou hadst been relieved. In a letter from our friend J. Fawell to D. Wheeler, just received, thou art alluded to rather agreeably, as "getting pretty evenly along." I hope it may be so in the fullest sense; & that thy concerns may prosper in all respects, so far as prosperity may conduce with thy highest interests, & the Will of Him who knows what is best for us, & therefore often, & indeed generally, dispenses a portion of bitters

X along with even his choicest blessings. And certainly, my dear friend, to feel that our chief hope & trust are anchored in Christ; & that, while thousands are blinded to their real, & highest interests, & immersed in the cares or pleasures of the world, finding their highest enjoyments therein, we are permitted to see, - by that Light which is an emanation from deity, - in what our highest weal consists; this ought to be more, incomparably more, than an equivalent for the portion of suffering that may be dispensed to us; especially if it be the means of making us cling more closely to the Source of help, & adopt with increased fervour of soul the appeal - "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life!" I have often found this to be the hallowed result of the most painful dispensations; under the ^{consistency} sense of which I have been ready to exclaim; "Let not thine hand spare, nor thine eye pity, until thou hast made me what thou wouldst have me to be; only, grant me thy unfailing support! let thine everlasting Arm be underneath, otherwise, I must inevitably sink under the least of thy fatherly corrections." I have often felt, & particularly of latter time, that if we are but permitted to attain to the least place in the

heavenly Kingdom, we shall not have reason to wish the path had been a less tribulated one that had been the means of conducting us to so glorious an abode, where sorrow & pain shall flee away, & the tear for ever be wiped away from our eyes.

Yet in the midst of troubles that seem sometimes ready to overwhelm, this not being the purpose of our gracious Lord; "lest we should be swallowed up, as it were, with overmuch sorrow," it pleases him to dispense a gleam or two of sunshine amid the clouds; sometimes by the Manifestations of his Presence in a more eminent degree than usual, or at others by mitigating the circumstances that have occasioned our trouble, especially if they be from an outward source. And thus, I would hope, it may be with thee in the midst of thy present perplexities; & that our dear friend R. A. M's. visit to Sydney may be the dawn of a more propitious season to thee. I shall be glad (should it prove to be a right movement, which you must yourselves seriously weigh, seeking Divine counsel therein) that you may see your way to unite together in your secular pursuits, in which I trust you will be helpful to each other; & if, amid all your endea:

endeavours to earn an honest livelihood, "the kingdom of God & his righteousness" be the principal things sought, then I should have no manner of doubt that you would also be made a mutual help & a strength to each other in your religious course, encouraging each other in a faithful adherence to those testimonies that may be given you to hear, & letting your "light so shine before men, that others seeing your good works may glorify your Father which is in heaven." In such case the promise would also be fulfilled in your experience, (& it is all that a Christian can with safety desire, much less set his heart upon attaining, of temporal things) "all things necessary shall be added."

I shall not enlarge, as R. A. M. will be able to impart all needful information. Indeed I hardly knew what I was going to write about; yet felt hardly easy to omit, at least, assuring thee of our Christian regard; but the ideas I have thrown before thee, unexpectedly opened out as fast as I could well pen them. May they be blessed to thy encouragement by Him who alone can inspire the good thought or prompt to the good action! And that His blessing, through the riches of his

mercy in Christ Jesus, may rest upon thee, and
strengthen thee for every good word and work, is
the desire of,

Thy affectionate friend

Geo. W. Walker.
