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My Ever Dear & Precious Wife-

I took stage at Claremont on Tuesday night at ten o'clock, after preaching at 2 P.M. & attending a prayer meeting until half past 9. Of course I was weary. The stage started with about a dozen passengers. On we came over hill & dale, a weary way. In spite of everything I slept some of the time, & was thankful as often as I waked, to find that some of the night was gone. I reached this place at about half past 12 o'clock on Wednesday. I had then preached 13 times in a week, & attended many prayer meetings, & then at the end of it instead of taking rest I had had a most fatiguing ride of 75 miles. A meeting however was appointed for me here on the evening of my arrival. Accordingly I went to bed, & after sleeping 2 hours & a half, I arose exceedingly refreshed, & preached in the evening. The audience was tolerable for numbers. Though by no means such as I had left at Claremont. Yesterday I preached twice, & the audience in the evening was much increased. The spirit of the Lord was present, & truth had power. I have felt a good measure of confidence in the Lord that He will revive his work. I took a cold at Claremont, & have suffered from hoarseness, which has made it very hard for me to

Speak for a few days, but I am getting somewhat over it.
I got no letter from my dear Wife at Clarendon. I left word with the Post Master there to forward it to me at this place - but as yet I receive nothing. I know however that the cares of my precious Wife at home, are at best numerous & pressing. I know it must be an exceeding trial to have no husband on whom to lean from day to day. I have felt for you exceedingly - but my Blessed Lord & Master who has called me to the work in which I am engaged, will sustain my Precious Wife & take care of our dear children. "And when Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall we also appear with Him in glory." O Blessed Hope of the glorious appearing of the Great God & our Saviour Jesus Christ, who shall ^{change} this vile body that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able to subdue all things to Himself." A few more struggles dearer, & few more self-denials - a little more taking up of the cross, & then we shall see our Beloved, & be with Him ~~he~~ forever at rest. All I desire is that we may do just that while here that we shall have most occasion to rejoice at when we shall see the Saviour. I was a little pleased the other day, to hear sister Cartman whom I mentioned at Clarendon, saying, that at one time she felt a little tried at the thought of having so large a family, lest the circuits where they labored should feel burdened with their support. But at one time she had a most glorious view of heaven. She was taken

as she thought among the glories of the upper world,
 & at this time an angel touched her & said, have you too
 many children to praise God? At this instant she looked
 around & saw her children all praising their Redeemer.
 Oh no she exclaimed, I have none too many, I wish I
 had more. From that time she said, she had no more
 trouble about having too large a family. Cheer up
 then dearest, take the burden of the little ones for Christ,
 sake a little longer, give them over into the hands of
 Christ by faith, pray earnestly & with entire confidence
 for the Holy Ghost to ^{renew &} sanctify them, & soon the Saviour
 shall gather them with His arm & carry them in
 His bosom - & my precious wife shall then reap
 her glorious & eternal reward. O how my soul
 will leap with joy & thanksgiving to my God &
 Saviour when I shall see her whose being is one with
 my own, & the dear ones whom God has graciously given
 all around me in the blessed dwelling place of our Redeemer.
 My Saviour is willing to glorify His faithfulness
 in doing all this for us in answer to our prayers.
 We are ^{in faith} urged to ask it, & what we ask
 in Christ's name must be done, for He has said it.
 In faith I lay hold upon Christ, & I feel that He will
 not disappoint me. O how glorious to be with Christ when
 we have endeavored faithfully & truly & fully to serve Him
 here. If we suffer we shall also reign with Him. If we
 suffer with Him we shall be glorified together.

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you shall hear from me again, after I am thro
 here, & leave for the Methodist Conference at Newbury
 Will then pray the richest blessing of Him who has
 loved & died for us, be around you & in ^{your} heart, & may
 the little ^{one} be kept as in the hollow of His hand. —

In the dearest of all earthly bonds —

Yours affectionately
 your letter received — for which hearty thanks —
 your husband
 Chas. Fitch.

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My dear Mary —
 I am so glad to hear from you & that you are well & happy. I am
 going to take it to the mail. I would have my dear
 make you would indeed be a comfort. We had
 through house yesterday 3 times. The day is an awful
 like. I am so glad to hear from you & that you are well & happy.
 mine & let's not a word from home —