

and it proved to be an excellent assistant when unfortunately I got my face bespattered with mud, or any unclean substance. I have probably carried it in my pocket nearly 10000 miles. But having finished my long journees many years ago, it has since remained almost useless. But since receiving the token of special notice, it popped into my head, that it was doubtful whether I could make a better disposition of it than to send it as a Memorial to my late Benefactress.

P. S. 2<sup>nd</sup> I think it is considerably over a year since I have attempted to write any kind of a letter, being very much crippled in my fingers, attended with pain—twin-ging—throbbing—itching, & a feeling exactly similar to that which is caused by taking hold of a hot iron, & getting severely scorched. But on this occasion I thought I would undertake & see what I could do; & I must confess that I have made out much better than I expected I could, before I made a beginning. Freegift Wells.

W. V. July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1867.

Respectful-kind- & Dearly beloved Sister.  
 (Could we have thought ourselves worthy)  
 At this our advanced age- While our feeble  
 knees, & tottering frames, mark our inability  
 henceforth to sustain that useful position  
 among the Saints, which our once  
 unimpaired faculties enabled us, for a  
 lengthy season, to devote exclusively, to  
 the all important duty of cleansing the  
 inside of the "cup and platter"- Together with  
 those binding requirements, which, in the  
 Order of Gods work, it was made our special  
 duty to perform; as far as our humble abilities  
 would admit, for the cleansing,  
 and upbuilding of Zion.

And altho' we have an abiding assurance  
 of the approbation of Heaven, for  
 our past, & ardent labors, to add our mite,  
 for the promotion, & beautifying of Mothers  
 gospel & Testimony, which affords that  
 daily enjoyment & comfort, which, seems

fully adequate to all we have justly merited.

Yet Surely, after all this <sup>notice</sup> & blessing, could we have thought, That yet once more, in our almost worn out condition, we should be made to rejoice & be glad, by receiving a "free-will offering" from a worthy Soul, and Honest friend; who never tires in bestowing her Blessings upon those, who from the beginning have been firm supporters of Lions Walls?

This testimonial of respectful notice was, in reality Sweet and Pleasant—Not only to the natural, but to the Spiritual Appetite—Diffusing an Odor which regenerated Souls are able to realize, and be thankful for—While those who have never received a gospel Baptism, are unable to discover any thing sweet, or pleasant, only, in that which is natural.

In union with your mild request, we shall remember you in our prayers, and we solicit your remembrance of us, in the same line. We have much faith in Prayer,

I once heard a good Elder say, that even the very breath of a good Believer was prayer to God — Because it was breathed forth with fervent desires for the protection of Souls.

Good Sister, Please to receive with these few remarks, our kind Love, and special Thanks, for your very comforting notice of us, who sensibly feel, that our remaining days in time are but few. But our thankfulness for the blessed treasure which we have gained by the gospel, is ever on the increase.

from your true friends in the gospel.

Freegift, and  
David, to Sister  
Mary Hazzard of Mt' Lebanon.

P. S. by J. W.

I have in my possession a small pocket Mirror, which I used to carry with me when I travelled,