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L. Mills, Wis. Dec. 6. 1832.

Friend Dudley,

Your kind epistle came to hand in good time. Was glad to learn (for your sake) that the honest, kind-hearted people of Easton are disposed to keep you among them for so long a time. They must be a forbearing community, or you must have improved wonderfully since I saw you (wh I would fain believe is the case) knowing so well how much need there was of it.

I should like to visit your place & see how it looks & how the people live in their out of the way home. For somehow it seems as though I was living in the bustling world more than you.

I looked for you in the fall, & not receiving a letter for some time, I concluded that you would bring it yourself & thus save the postage. Come however when you can, I be sure & find me & make me a visit too, for I do not often have them from old friends.

Huggins perhaps you knew was ordained (i.e. I suppose so) at Whitewater, 20 miles E. of S. from here, this last fall. I saw him on his return from N. Haven, the 1st of Oct. & heard him preach at Racine. He does very well, & sustained himself at Beloit nobly for a young man.

Our meeting house was dedicated Oct. 22, & since that I have preached in it every Sabbath. We have a bell

weighing 628 lbs, procured by the ladies at an expense of \$200. It seems quite like the 'olden time' to go to a house of worship at the call of the church going bell. Our house is not paid for yet, & this debt embarrasses us much, & I see no way whereby it can be removed very soon. And thus it will grow on interest at 12 per cent, the lowest rate that it can be obtained. Do you know any good liberal souled man that would give us a gift, or even lend us \$200, for 2 or 3 yrs, without interest, or at 6 per cent?

Nothing special has occurred here of late. Things remain much as they have been. There is some change for the better, I think in the outward appearance of society. But there is too little life & far too much death in all of us who profess to have passed from death unto life. We are beginning to think that perhaps it may be about time to awake out of sleep, or see if we had not better see if we can awake. I trust our moral vision will be quickened ^{us} so that the sight will affect our hearts.

You spoke of the Independent, I have taken it from its commencement, & regard it as a first class family newspaper. It is however becoming what every such paper is apt to run into, a channel for some personal controversies between the would-be great ones of our land. Its general tone is so far in advance of the Evangelist on all practical reforms,

as to be tolerable. Thompson makes a very good editor. Bacon will answer now & then for a change, but no one wants to live on Bacon, all the year round. Still I dislike much in some of his performances, in others he is good.

I should like to hear from you as often as you can find time & matter to communicate. It is a serious tax on my eyes to write. I can't read one fourth that I ought to, & it is with difficulty I can make my eyes go thro' the labor of a single short sermon.

If I should send you 4 copies of our book, 'Chhs in Wisconsin', could you sell them for 25 cts apiece? I paid for printing them \$7.00 & wish I could sell enough of the books to refund. They are bound & can be sent by mail reasonably.

Please accept my kindest regards for self & wife, & also those of Mrs. S. who is only half asleep in the rocking chair.

Yours,
E. D. Seward.



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Rev. Martin Dickey,

Easton,

Gr.

