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Ever dear Margaret

If you feel as I do you are anxious & not a little impatient for the hour when we shall meet again. A letter from you would have afforded some relief, but I have looked & looked but received none. However I shall not return like for like in this case but shall, once more, resort to the only expedient left me as a poor substitute for the pleasure of a personal meeting, that of talking to you by letter. The business of my agency goes on so slowly on account of the difficulty of finding people at home that I begin to doubt whether I can leave this place before Monday next; in which case I shall not be able to reach home before Friday or Saturday following: & if I should go by the way of Erie, which will be much the pleasanter route, I will be detained two or three, perhaps, four days longer.

I know how unpleasant these delays must be to your feelings, but they are unavoidable & I pray the Lord to enable you to bear them with patience & to have you & our dear children in his kind & ho
only to meet you & them not
before the throne of his

his grace. Let us unceasingly bless the Lord
for all his great undesigned & unmerited
goodness to us, & look to him in the exercise
of holy desire & humble confidence through
Christ that he would continue to bless
us & overrule all things for our good & his
glory in our everlasting salvation & that of
our dear family. Our long separation now
I hope will be turned to good account. One
thing I am sure it has taught me: it has
convinced me that I love you more than I im-
agined I did while I saw you almost every hour
& has convinced me how much I shall
need the grace of God to prepare me for that
separation which sooner or later death will
make between us - though I hope not a
final one.

My sermon on the death of Mrs Brady
has been published here, & I am gratified
to find that it is likely to do good, as it is
sought & read with great interest.

Till I meet you again, which, be assured,
will be as soon as possible, farewell, & ac-
cept the assurance of my unchanging & most
affectionate regard

Give my respects to all enquiring friends

Yours most affectionately

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