

Spring Garden Cincinnati
Jan 24th 1853

Friend Garrison

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My Dear Sir, It is my habit and practice never to interpose with the free and independent wishes and actions of my Wife, a principle which I presume you fully understand, but is not so clear to every one. Hence a query was suggested the other day, growing out of my silence, how I should be pleased with your contemplated visit to our City and our home. I merely wish to say that it will afford me the greatest pleasure to ~~be~~ welcome ^{you}, not only to our house but to do all in my power to make your visit one of pleasure and happiness to you, as well as useful to the cause of the great Mission on which you come.

With my sincere wishes for your health and happiness I remain

Very Respectfully
yours

H. Ernest

My dear Mother
I have just received
your kind letter of the 12th

and was glad to hear
from you and to hear
that you were all well
and happy. I am well
at present and hope
these few lines will
find you all the same.
I have not much news
to write at present.
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we are all enjoying
it very much. I hope
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