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Charles Hull Fish

Dear Aunt Delia,

Uncle Azel is writing & put in a word so that you may be sure of 3¢ worth. Dear old Sidney [New York] comes before me like a dream & my memory goes back to the time when I worked for \$5 a month and Uncle Milton was my boss. Those were happy days and I have seen a life time of just such since I left the quiet little town where I was born.

I wish I could see you, dear Auntie, just long enough to ask you how life looks from near the end. Does the path of the just shine more and more unto the perfect day? Is the dear Lord more and more precious to the believers as we get near the other shore? I know what your answer would be. I have loved the dear Lord long enough to know the promises are true and as we grow in grace & in the knowledge of Christ our doubts and fears vanish. I never expect to see you in this world but I shall see you at the beautiful gate of the New Jerusalem. If you go first dear Auntie, tell Father & Mother & Grandmother, Susie and all the dear ones that those left behind are trying to do something for the Master and hope to join them soon.

I have little desire and no expectation that I shall see the eastern states again. My dear wife has been an invalid for five years and there is not much chance for her to recover her health. She is very cheerful and resigned to her lot. The little one [Mary Alice Fish] is quite well - a very bright, happy girl and she loves her Saviour. We all join in love to you, Uncle Milton, Dora and all the dear ones at home and abroad.

Your affectionate nephew,

Charles H. Fish

(original in the collection of Alice Moffett Starkey, daughter of Charles Hull Moffett and oldest grandchild of Samuel Austin Moffett, the only grandchild he lived to baptize.
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