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Many thanks for my  
"Xmas present," the H&Ks - which now seems  
to be a fixed fact, an annual present -  
and as we are apt to prize new things  
more highly - you can say to your wife  
that I certainly appreciate her kind remem-  
brance, the "Socks" are something that I had  
a disposition to try, (being a great sufferer  
from cold feet,) and for a number of years,  
had worn nothing but thin Cotton ones -

It is pleasant always to be remembered  
by our friends, and in my advancing years  
feel a greater and warmer attachment for  
my friends than ever before - It may be, from  
the fact, that I know my time in this life, is  
rapidly growing to an end, and things are

friends that I now appreciate so much, indeed love so much, must <sup>soon</sup> be left behind, it is proper and natural, that I should cling with tenacity to them - and at the same time, cause me to labor more earnestly to secure eternal happiness in that better land. Most of the friends of my youth have preceded me, indeed but few are left - they are passing away rapidly, if spared a few years I shall be numbered among the oldest men of my acquaintance. I would have you, by no means, think I am unhappy in this reflection, for while I know tis the lot of man, I know also that I have been highly favored, indeed blessed, receive far more than tis the lot of man to receive, and it would be ungrateful in me not to feel and acknowledge the same - I have said quite enough on this subject. Will tell you of my children - Col. H. Williams has returned with his family, & will live a few miles north of Ridgeway at the Hapsard Street place, B. Buck will move to Oxford. Sol. will go to Sussex Co. not to live permanently though.

His Bro. in Law Percy Thomson died at his house 10<sup>th</sup> Inst. - and he thinks it will be to his interest to go to D<sup>ca</sup> at least for this year - It makes me feel a little sad, that they should leave me, but at the same time, it may be all right, and better for them & their families - Buck has been quite sick, for several days, but I hope is now convalescent - will move as soon as he is well enough to make the trip - Say to all I saw Gov. A. Atten on Friday, her Mother & friends were well. You have doubtless heard of the death of Rev. Junius P. Moore, died suddenly in Halifax Co. tis thought of Erysiptus, he was one day older than myself - I always regarded him as a sensible and practical man, more so than preachers generally are - Hope you had a pleasant Ymas, and may be spared to enjoy many more - My wife writes with me in most affectionate love to your Wife, & household & believe me as ever  
Yr Uncle.  
J. Dunton Williams