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My dear Mr Carr

Referring to yours of 28th Dec, it is strange that on & was my thoughts run straight on you & yours, stronger still my little life on that day said she had strong impressions that your & Mrs was clouded with anxiety, this before your letter was rec^d. - I write to you as plainly as you do to me, I well know I had your sympathies in the greatest trial of my life, poor Willie, good & kind at least generous to a fault, such usually are the victims of the trouble you have with John and I can truly feel for you & Mrs C. -

I wrote you a few days since that you might know I was not neglecting your communication & wishing to learn by careful Enquiry all I could - Dr Pelden a Physician of high standing he attends Bro Dim & Sister was the Family Doct^r for years, speaks highly of the Asylum at Port Hamilton, has had patients there, from some of our best Families & strongly recommends it - My own Family Doct^r Richardson speaks Equally as highly of it, to give you his own words (the terms are \$10 to \$40 for week) he says the \$10 gives the same table which is good, the room comfortable, but not so luxurious as the highest, he says it is no use to stay a short time, not less than 6 mos is like to do good, in fact out of many institutions he says it is the best he has knowledge of - I wrote yesterday to the Superintendent for a Circular but as yet have not rec^d it, as soon as I do will mail it to you - There is one in Mrs City well

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spoken of but I fear there is too much religion attached to it,
a good Institution, but it is in the hands of Praying
Presbyterians, I mail you one of their Circulars, from
all I can learn think I would prefer Fort Hamilton
Especially as Richardson & Belden both speak so well
of it, - when I get Circular from Mr. Lupt. (J. A. Blanchard)
I will mail it to you, rest assured any thing I can do
to facilitate your views will cheerfully be done, God
knows I can feel for you, and do hope John will have
strength of mind sufficient to overcome the habit - don't
give up hope but do all you can to save him, if successful
it will be the joy of your life & of his mother also - you
will pardon me for writing so plain, but you know
what my Experiences and trials have been, and that
I can & do keenly feel for you - Dropping this painful
subject I would say that yesterday I wrote Alford
to send Mr. 7 Rules, that Compliance with Promises was
the foundation of Credit - and as he needs credit & Friends
he should be prompt & retain his Friends, please stick
him up - in the present Condition of affairs he will need
A. T. B. C.'s good will, and he had best comply with Promises -
So tell him plainly - there must be no dodging -
The outlook for Cotton just now is bleak, we are above

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Liverpool in price and that market is dull, this tends to pile it up in this Country, really just as we all hoped to see better times for the South this is disappointing,

I think I wrote, the "Boys" requested denity on the notes signed by you & them to which we are willing - as it affords us pleasure to render aid to so valued a friend as you - Hope P. Nuts will not be raised so freely as to knock the value out of them this year -

Those two little Girls are a Sun light to your home, may they ever continue so, but as time rolls on you may see anxiety, God grant they may never know the Curse of this life ~

The Bub was selected by the artist & he thinks he knows what is good glad it so proved ~ Did those blackbird Equal Expectation? mine are good & fat ~ I appreciate a letter from you three - we write frequently, Mr B is some what better & often thanks so kindly relative to you. Mr C & the little ones, that it seems there are bright spots yet in this world, beyond Douats ~

Yr truly
J. D. Bruce

as soon as I hear from Fort Hamilton
I will write again -