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My dear Uncle:

I have thought of all of you frequently since I left Cambridge. Uncle Elias: You say, "I see no need for Christianity" and yet the other night when in the face of death and you thought your own dear children were being consumed by flame your first cry was: "Great God". And time he is great. God has blessed you. You say I have to labor to be a "bread winner" and so you do. But God has given you mind, strength and constancy of purpose. He was with you in birth and blessed you, for others have been born without mental endowments. You are

man of unusual judgment. Would you
sow seed, hire laborers and buy supplies,
fertilizers and implements but for the
promise of an increase? You believe
in God when he speaks of agriculture,
you must admit that Christ as an
Ethical teacher was without a rival ^{any}
yet when He promises you peace here
and life eternal you reject His word.
"Love your neighbor as yourself" This is
not hard to do. You get fretted with yourself
when you do wrong and condemn the
wrong that you do to yourself and so with
your neighbor you will be displeased
with him when he does wrong, but you ^{should}
not condemn him forever if he Confesses
his faults and promises to do better.
When one says "I am mad with myself",
if he is sane he does not mean that he

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will never be pleased at anything at all that he does from that hour. Frequently for some little offense we impeach every act of our neighbor. No happiness can result from selfish love. 'Tis true that ^{it} is more blessed to give than to receive. A man so very prominent in Secular affairs shone by all means shed abroad the "Light of the Word." The love of God will smooth many, many asperities, will soften many cares, will lessen your sorrows in temporal matters and will lead you to the gates of the Crystal City of God and by faith in Christ the gates will open.

You will not get the blessing until
you accept the plan of salvation which
is simply; Repentance to God for sins against his
faith in Christ's promises and the full
sufficiency of his atonement and Baptism,
God has for Christ's sake made the
way plain - "The wayfaring man though
a fool need not err therein", through
the poverty of Christ you may have
great riches and joy unspeakable.

If I did not love you and your soul
I would not write you. As I do love you ^{and}
know that you have character, I want you
to have more e.g. Christian Character.

I hope Bettie is better and that she
may recover. I know all of you will be good
to her. Love to all and may God bless
you in causing you to feel the need of a
Savior is my God's earnest prayer.
Your affectionate
Wm. C. Parker