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Dear Brother William

I have been hoping for two or three weeks that I should have a letter from you but have been disappointed & it was not until Elizabeth arrived here that I remembered how seldom you write to me when absent - but in her letter you mentioned you had some idea of going out to Orleans this winter and I was so afraid you would that I could not refrain from writing to you this evening I do really hope you will not conclude to go for even should you be benefited in a pecuniary way I very much fear in so large a city you might be drawn into temptation and lose your good name and character and finally lose your soul

Within a few weeks I have been led to think very differently of the things that are "seen and are temporal" and as I humbly hope and trust to think seriously of the thing that ^{is} "unseen and eternal" I think I feel very anxious that all my friends may become the friends of Jesus Christ and may accept of him & receive him as their portion and their joy forever - It seems almost