

would send to him my heartfelt thanks for his attentions to Elder Marks, one of my dearest Christian friends. I love to dwell upon his memory. I have not a relative deceased, who was so endeared to me, and to whom I owed so much.

EMILY.

[From Elder Joseph B. Davis.]

JAMAICA PLAINS, April 20, 1846.

Dear sister in Christ:—The storm has passed—the trial is over—the active, energetic spirit of your husband, our beloved brother, and God's faithful servant, has finished its earthly course, accomplished its work and entered into rest. We are sorry for you, we mourn for our denomination, and the world, that death's dark cloud should blot out his full-orbed sun of usefulness in its glorious noon-day, from our dark world. But we are glad that death could neither darken nor obscure those brilliant and glorious rays, which shone forth with such heavenly splendor, in his last clear and peaceful moments—rays, which even now gild our moral heavens, and which must continue to shine while the church exists or the world stands. He is dead, yet speaketh—gone, yet here—although in heaven, he lives and works among us. He indeed was a peculiar man, sent to a peculiar people, in a peculiar time, to accomplish a peculiar work. He has done it in haste, and gone, and left us gazing after him.

Your husband possessed a strong, deep, clear, original, well cultivated mind, and most severely disciplined; cultivated and disciplined alone for the cause of Christ, in which he was always over-active. His style, arrangement, and manner of delivery, were peculiarly his own. His easy unaffected manners, always accompanied with great simplicity, and his warm gushing heart, overflowing with kind feelings, could never fail to secure the love of those blessed with his society. His time, talents, and all his energies, were laid upon the altar of his God, and he was most emphatically wedded to the people among whom God sent him to labor. With them he identified himself and his earthly all. \* \* \* \*

Your brother in Christ,

J. B. DAVIS.

[From the President of Oberlin Collegiate Institute, to a friend in Hartford, Ct.]

\* \* \* \* "I will give you a few facts pertaining to the character of Elder Marks, in the estimation, not only of his own, but of other denominations of Christians. 1. His natural talents were altogether above the ordinary stamp. This is evinced by the fact that, though he commenced his ministry when very young, and with little education, he at once acquired a commanding influence as a preacher and as a man, which influence continued to increase till the close of his ministry. 2. In labors in the cause of Christ, he was more abundant than any man I ever knew. 3. In the midst of the most arduous and unremitted labors, he was a pre-