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Dear Brother -

Our Worthy Brother Wm Bram came to my
House last Evening & in our Conversation
Informed me that he was acquainted with
a Preacher named Isaac Backus calling to
mind the reading of a Piece of yours setting
forth some Years Past, caused me to have
the happiness of seeing your face in Time
but thinking of the Distance being so great
& the Many Years ~~not~~ we have both seen can
expect it, therefore have made bold to
Write to you who art strayed, Dear Brother Some
years Past the Candle of the Lord seemed to
shine a most ~~red~~ red, Sinners were crying
for Mercy & Saints rejoicing in the ~~Lord~~
but our Present state seems to be much
to the reverse, many have lately Departed
from the Faith & it is to be feared given
heed to Scolding Spirits, Iniquity abo
unding & the love of ^{an} ~~any~~ Waxing God, which
causes me many times to complain of my ban
ness, & makes me often grace the Prayers of
all them that know the truth, If we cannot
with your Personal presence we hope to be ^{aid} Vernon
in Prayer, so I end with a sincere desire that the
Lord may add many ~~years~~ to your Ministry
& your last Days may be your best Days, Swanson