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# Benjamin Treadwell to Amelia Treadwell, 17 September 1839

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Columbia S. Car. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 1839.

My much Beloved Mother,

How thankful I am, for this Great privilege, tho. I cannot see & talk to you face to face I can sit me down here by my fire side, and can converse with you by my pen, can communicate with you and tell you all my heart, and all about the matters & things which interest us both, as relates to this & also to the other and the better world, Although the tidings brought me by Brother Bethel's last letter, were sorrowful tidings yet I am enabled to lift up my poor heart and say, the will of the Lord be done, and that, good is the will of the Lord, and can hope that my dear Mother, under this severe trial which indeed is worse than death its self, can say so too, yea, I believe we can with Job, <sup>Say</sup> Shall we receive good at the hands of the Lord, and not likewise Evil, and especially, when I give you the heart cheering intelligence, which now falls to my happy lot to communicate to you, in relation to one of the members of our family, and the more cheering as it will be to you, as tho' your son <sup>that</sup> was dead but now is alive, was lost, but now is found; On yesterday morning, Danl. went to the Post office, and returned with a letter from Bro. Gilead, as soon as I saw the address, I knew the hand writing, Oh how I felt, I can't tell you, I opened the letter and saw his signature at the bottom, I read it as soon as could, but the news it contained, was so good, I could hardly read it, for some time my own poor heart was almost overwhelmed, joy sprang up into my soul, & I was made to praise and adore that Good God, whose mercies <sup>are</sup> over all his works, <sup>and</sup> is so great, He stated that he had never been able to understand what so much noise about Religion meant until, to use his own words, on the 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. last it pleased God for Christ's sake to set his soul free.

and that he had not yet got weary, tho' the time was short,  
~~of~~ repeating, glory, glory, glory to God, Lettu dated  
the 20<sup>th</sup> Instant, and that he was at that time  
happy, and felt now determined to get to heaven  
by the grace of God. So my dear Mother, we see  
that while the Lord pulls down, yet he builds up,  
tho' he afflicts, yet his Right hand is underneath  
us, to hold us & to strengthen, O how good the Lord  
our God is to us, his grace is always sufficient for  
us, if we cleave close to his bleeding side, & cling  
to <sup>his</sup> great and faithful & precious promises, we may  
well say, the Lord hath done great things for us -  
whereof we are glad, therefore let us praise him  
while we have our being, glory praise and honor,  
be given to the Lord for ever, I received a letter a  
short time since, from John, he and his family  
were all well then, and were still on their way,  
to take possession of the promised Inheritance in  
the Kingdom of God in heaven, the Home of the  
Christian, where if you & I, & they with Giliad, and  
Adoniram, together with your dear children and  
grand children shall meet, we shall part no more,  
Sickness and pain and fear and death shall  
never enter there, O what a happy company it  
will be, may we be there, that sight to see.

I wrote you a full & long letter in answer to the  
one I first received from Bethel, which letter I hope  
you have received long before now, tho' it had not  
reached you when Bethel wrote the one 4<sup>th</sup> October,  
and which I got the 18<sup>th</sup>; I have nothing strange  
or new to write about now, only a little more  
good news to tell, on the part of Emmanuels Army,  
they are gaining recruits in Columbia, & all round  
its vicinity, & in various parts of the S. Car. Confer.  
I bless God, for his goodness to me wards, I was spared  
to join with the Lords Hosts, in our Centenary  
Celebration, on the 25<sup>th</sup> Inst - I was enabled, with  
a heart blest & full, to attend the prayer meeting

At sun rise, Paching at Eleven o'clock, and  
love sent at night, all of which we will  
attend, a good eye of good feeling seem to  
prevail the whole Congregation, a serious,  
and Sollemn, the rising of the extraordinary, appeared  
still we think there were a considerable amount of  
deep impression made & good done, & much comfort  
enjoyed by the humble pious Christians long to  
God, for the prosperity of our Lords Zion <sup>the</sup> may

See greater and better times; <sup>etc</sup> <sup>are</sup> <sup>new</sup>  
Eliza excepted, was in a feeble delicate condition  
we often fear she will never be well again, than  
hope Springs up & we know not, but there will  
be better to us, than all our fears, & will trust  
in his goodness & praise his holy name & be confident

The drought is still prevailing in alarming  
extent, our water courses are nearly dry up,  
some wells & Springs have failed, and our  
almost dry, the Congaree River  
has been walked over some time ago,  
the river, has been for some time fordable  
by wagons, God only knows, what will be the results

I praise God, that I feel and I believe Eliza too,  
as fully determined to serve, love, and glorify our God,  
as we ever did, & by his grace, find our way to heaven,  
I thank God, that we still have a dear Mother  
that still lives to pray for her children & at some  
times feel great delight in meeting <sup>her</sup> daily, <sup>the</sup> throne  
of the heavenly Father, and we can see <sup>the</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>our</sup>  
wants and wishes known, & have them supplied out  
of the rich Treasures of Grace & Love;

All the family, desire to be specially remem-  
bered to you and all the dear family there, and  
now dear Mother, Accept for your self the  
tenderest and most affectionate regards of your

Elderly and unworthy Son

N.B. Eliza presents her love most affectionately to her dear Mother, & to all the family

B. Tradewell

write soon & full, Eliza is still single and lives in Green County  
Georgia near a Post office called Cracker



Amelia Tradewell

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