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Sunday night
March 4/88

My dear old friend

I have heard 'by chance' that
you have been very ill but
are now better, I hope by
this time quite well and strong

Our lives that for a
short time ran so closely
together have diverged
widely. and I see nothing
of my kind old friend
who was ^{so} good to me in
my sorrow and gave me
sound advice which I

would not or could not
accept. I never forget
kindness. and often in the
silent watches of the night
I think of you and your
friendly aid, and a strong
yearning comes over me to
see you again.

We are both, after the
fashion of our desires,
successful. In our house
I had wife children
that are good, friends and
all that world or should
make me content but I

William B. Degetmeier
1816 -
Kalamazoo, Michigan

want the ^{one} sympathetic fellowship
which alone renders life
worth living - and you?

If you can find time pray
write me a line, I have
just looked over some of
your old letters with
painful pleasure, - write
me another that I may
have the pleasure without
the drawback - to be silent
if you will and some
happy remembrances will be
cut away. In other case I
shall be as I always have
been

Yours earnestly & gratefully
& affectionately

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