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Rev E. N. Barnett D.D.,

Res & Dear Brother;

Yours of the 23rd inst
has just come to hand, I also did
enjoy the reunion at Iowa City and
sincerely regret that I did not try
to be there a few hours might be in the
camp of Pastors in the photo rooms
Have just recd a very kind letter
from Prof Parvin accompanied
with 12 doz Shadows of my own
Phiz taken on Sat March the
shade on side of the face too deep
He will send copy of group -
as to my poor father Mr Humm
He was a native of Ky but where
his birth place was I cannot tell
His mother was Martha Evans one
of the Captives of Abbs Valley see
Phes B of Pub also Foots Sketches
of Va & N.C. The severe strain on
her intellect & nervous system in
that terrible captivity and the horrid
Massacre that preceded it prob-
ably affected her mind as there

were very great eccentricities of Character in her & many of her Children - Nor
It was born about 1804 or 5. When quite
a youth the family moved to Knox Co. Ind
where they enjoyed the ministrations
of Rev W. W. Martin, father of the
distinguished Dr W. P. Martin for
40 years Missionary in China & Prof
in the Imperial University in Peking.
His mother was a Scotch, Inst. Pres-
byterian of the Valley of Va as were the
Moore's, Mary Moore his fellow Captive
was a small girl while Martha Evans was
a young woman grown at the time of
the Massacre & Captivity in 1775 and
was the real heroine of the Captivity of
the Valley written by a Son of Mary Moore
Martha Evans married a man by the
name of Hummer who & her Sons
were Presbyterian Ministers Michael the
former Pastor in Lawa Co. & James who
spent his Ministry in Ind. I knew them
both - Mary Moore married a Mr Brown
and five of her Sons were Presbyterian
Ministers in Va. Hummer and one
of these Browns were Classmates
at Princeton & never knew that their
mothers were fellow Captives in 1775.
Evansville Ind was called after
that Evans family - Hummer professed
Religion under Father Martin's Ministry

at Livonia. ^(?) Dug probably about 1824
or 25 - graduated at Indiana University about
1830 in the first Class under that dis-
tinguished educator of his day Rev
Andrew Wythe D.D. He it was the valedic-
torian of his Class graduated in Prince-
ton Seminary about April 1833, was licensed
soon after by the Presby of Madison
and soon after came to Frenchtown
then a village & took charge of the
Church there - was there probably about
one year & first heard him preach
at Paris Ill. when aged of 10 yrs &
afterwards at New Providence Ill.
Where he preached with great energy
& great acceptance. Then Frenchtown
he went to Lafayette and about 34 or
35 and about 38 or 39 came to
Rock Island then called Stephenson
and in 1840 was preaching at Dover
Port & Missionary in Iowa & was
probably one of the Charter mem-
bers of the first Pres in Iowa. I
heard him at a Communion held in
Mr Joseph Dunlaps Barn near
what is now Edgington Rock Island Ill.
in Jun 1840 where he assisted Rev
John Mantgum with a sacramental
meeting I met him again the winter of

4041, I heard him on Sat. Morn at the
Dunlaps house & that night rode I rode
through the Cold without an Overcoat in
a cold windy night to hear him at
after Hazletts, Of course I was re-
joiced when he came to Jaws City
& the train of Providence that
I heard under his Ministry is too
long to repeat in a letter - I saw 4 till
his death & Jaws City - You can get from
other sources - Undoubtedly his mind
became unsettled - He was a man of
vigorous intellect & a prophet, but of
unfathomable temper, that Scotch, Irish,
Virginia, Kentucky blood which is kept
another name for "old Adam" undoubt-
ed was often too much for him -
But in many of the things charged
against him he "was more sinned
against than sinning" His brethren
became distrustful of him & suspicious,
and sought to find charges against
him & failed to establish anything
except calumny & in a fit of
Passion prompted unkind and un-
Christian treatment declined
their jurisdiction and denounced
them in terrible terms - And yet
I do believe that ^{had} a cause of
Christian tenderness been taken

it is possible (3) Many years of efficient
labor might have been wrought by
him. - His evil genius was his wife
but I cannot take up his case - Mrs
Sauxay can tell you of her - as to
his embezzling funds when sent
east & sold out funds for the Church
I do not believe there is any ground
for the charge which, was insinuated
in some of the remarks and in report
of the re-union & pro two or three
I have been a collecting agent &
it was very difficult for a man
& embezzle funds, in making collections
from place to place when he
probably gave receipts in most
if not all instances
2 When I was at Lawa City trying to
meet his claims against the Church,
I had reason to fear as to the items
of acct. then in the hands of Han
Ben Clarke then Atty for the
Church, & he gave me a very full statement
very full & apparently correct, and it wd
not be at all improbable that in 8 years
labor in the parishes of the Ch & County, deficiencies
in salary wd amount to the sum for which
the trustees gave their note & mortgage on
the Ch - As to Mrs & Mrs & Henry Plunk."

when they returned from the east it
would not be improbable that they
received many persons and presents -
Mr. A was quite a "lion" in his way,
& preached in the eastern cities, with
great acceptance. And as May Moore
was always pained & her heart was
against the Indians although they
murdered her father & mother & most
of her family in time of war, so
it pains her to hear needs & assaults
against a man whom I loved as my
Pastor & whose way I fearfully
I recognize. He died at Wyandotte
Kansas. A widowed sister was
his housekeeper. I once wrote
her asking if she would entrust
Mr. A's papers to me for historic
al purposes. But never received
any reply. She too was a "little off".
We are Christians. I could say
that would throw light on the
course of this singular man. But
it would involve censure of a few good
but mistaken men - the late Rev. D.
has an answer - I could have
given a lecture of an hour detailing
the history of this man, but I don't
know that it would give us
for edification. We can but leave him
in the hands of an all wise Saviour

(3)
In whom I believe he sincerely trusted.
He was originally Skeptic & when
fully convinced then went to the other
extreme of credulity. I cannot
take time now to give instances of these
except to show that he was not well
balanced. I hope he was a child of
Grace & is among the Sanctified
in glory. The fiasco about the will
is needlessly magnified & has been
handed down from lip to lip for
40 yrs & has lost nothing in the
telling. It was sufficiently disgrace
ful at best & in the settlement
with him in the Courts it was
charged up to him & was certainly
his at last. Whether it was
his at first or not. He claimed
it & he in 1866 when he spent
several days at my house in Aug
St. Louis & painted out the Sophisms
in his reasoning & he became silent.
I last saw him in 67 in Emporia Kas.
Of the circumstances of his death
I have not been informed. He probably
died in 85. But time presses & must
close. Any question you may ask
I will answer if I can. My Bro

took me to Cedar Rapids on Tues 16th & I
saw Father Struble one of the Honor
Elders in Law City. Father of Congress
man Struble of Lemmas Ia & aphan
George Struble of Pledo a Candidate
for Camp in that district. The Old
veteran is in his 90th year & was
rejoiced to see me & hear of the
arrivals at Dr. Osburn & Sherr
I prayed with him & bade him God
bye with the words "We shall meet
again until we meet in glory."
Grand Old Man resting joyfully in
his shield, "the shield of faith."
He was a great comfort to me while
I was in Pledo & an inspiration
to open as you can; visit Mary
Mrs. Hacke at Coralville & preach
for them a week every once in
a while. My sister has good children
& is trying to bring them up in the
fear of God - I send remembrance
to Mrs. B & your honored Father
thou may remembrance yet uncorrupted
they must "hide a wee" - Fraternally
yrs
John Crozier.

PS I rec'd a copy of the Republican for
which I have liked the report was not very good
mistakes in names &c