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New Bedford, Adams Co. Pa.  
Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1874.

My dear Mr Fisher,

I was sorry I did not get to see  
you when in Phil<sup>del</sup> last week, as I  
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Chat with you, but on receiving the  
telegram saying you were in N.  
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self beyond help from his friends. He  
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of the College. - I will let you know  
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Let me hear from you soon,  
Can't you run up to Carlisle  
for a few days say next  
week - that is after the 24<sup>th</sup>  
of Aug. - when I expect to be in  
Carlisle. Please don't say  
anything about contents of this  
to any one, or about its receipt  
to J. of the Dale, or your  
again.

Wm. B.

Walter F. Ains,  
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W. B.



Fisher  
1874

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