

during the early spring about my eldest brother, who passed on to a higher life on the 18th of May, and since his death we have had sickness and other things to keep the time fully occupied, and now I am preparing for a visit through the West, which will occupy a month or six weeks, so that my work must wait awhile longer.

I have forgotten what the cost of thy book or books is to be. I had a letter from a cousin, L. A. Branson, at West Branch, Iowa, saying they had received one of the numbers. I do not want to be left out, if I can raise the money to pay for it. I send with this two photos of myself, one taken in 1863, and the other a few days ago. Thy last letter, of April 16th, says the one I sent is not plain enough for a "half-tone" cut. Now, if either of these will do, and thee will let me know, I will try to raise the money to pay for having a cut made. Thee says the cut will be mine after thee has inserted it in the book. Let me hear from thee; we do not expect to go West till the middle of August.

Very truly,

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THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

We assume that the personality of the Holy Spirit is to be settled by the dogma of Scripture. Those who are not subordinate to God's Word and set their own reasoning up against it, can carry on their own controversy with God till He falls on them and grinds them to dust. Nothing that can be said upon this subject, that has not the authority of Scripture for it, is worthy of a moment's consideration. No attempt will be made to reconcile the Scriptures with human reason. This would be an attempt to reconcile the greater with the less, to subordinate the Creator to the creature. Let God be true, though it makes every man