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ing. Have you not committed your all to his hands? Then, my dear friend, you are safe.

The feeblest saint shall win the day,
Tho' death and hell obstruct the way.

Thanks be to God for this hope, both on my behalf and that of my friends. May God bless them all!

TO THE REV. ARCHIBALD ALEXANDER, D. D.

Richmond, Nov. 4th, 1813.

MY DEAR SIR,

I have just returned to Richmond from Lexington where our Synod held its meeting this fall.

We had a very comfortable time of it. Ministers, I think, were stirred up considerably. Some good tidings were told us by several of the brethren. Our Missionaries have been very useful this summer, particularly Samuel D. Hoge. He has preached a good deal in Fauquier, Culpepper, Madison, &c., and his sermons have had a very spirit-stirring effect. Messrs. Calhoun, Logan, and B. H. Rice administered the sacrament of the supper on last Sabbath, at Walker's church in Albemarle. N—— G—— (who lives in Richmond) was present, and describes the scene there as surpassing every thing that he ever witnessed. God seems to have begun a good work in that region. Davis Hoge will probably settle in Culpepper, and James Wilson (who was obliged to leave Norfolk on account of sickness,) thinks of settling in Mr. Waddel's neighbourhood. He left this yesterday on his way to that place. In this city and Petersburg, religion I think gains ground. A new congregation is organizing under the care of Jesse Turner, at a place called Hanover town, about twenty miles distant. Appearances are quite encouraging there. May we hope that God will build Jerusalem in these troublous times? I have good hopes that our Bible Society will prosper, and do much good. I send you a

copy of our address and constitution. I am ashamed of the printing, and I fear that the address will not do much credit to so good a cause. Your friend wrote it.

I could not help exclaiming when I heard of the fine library you had purchased, "*O fortunatum!*" but I could hardly add, "*equidem hand invideo.*" But why should I repine? I have more books than I can read. By the way, would you prefer the Philadelphia or New York edition of the Hebrew Bible?"

TO WILLIAM MAXWELL. ESQ.

Richmond, Jan'y 8th, 1814.

MY DEAR SIR,

Mr. Paxton is the bearer of this hasty note. He is a young man without that exterior polish which modern fastidiousness requires, but of truly solid and estimable qualities. His understanding is good, his piety unquestionable, and his desire to be useful such as you could wish to find in a minister of the Gospel. He will grow in your esteem on acquaintance, so that you will say the half was not told you.

My brother and I would have visited you before this, had it not been for the influenza. This has left me in such a state about the lungs, that it will be wise in me to avoid exposure to winter weather. As soon as we have any assurance of mildness in the air, we will march down in a body, accompanied by Mrs. Rice, and make such an assault upon Norfolk as you have not had since the war.

Have you done any thing for the Bible Society in Norfolk? An auxiliary Society has recently been established in Frederick under the most flattering appearances of success.

TO MRS. JUDITH RANDOLPH.

Richmond, March 2d, 1814.

"I have been in rather infirm health during the winter, and have had a great deal to do under the immediate stimulus