

Walfürger's Strasse 16, III.  
Dresden, Saxony.  
Feb. 12, 1869.

My dear Doctor,

You will perhaps be surprised at finding my letter dated at this place. I have been here since ~~Xmas~~<sup>Christmas</sup>, holding services for the resident Americans according to the forms of our P. B. These services, I am glad to say, have been well attended.

I have taken great pains to cultivate the acquaintance of the Russian pastor here (Nicholas Guchnowsky) who has received me very kindly. When I visit his chapel he gives me a seat behind the iconostasis, and comes occasionally to our services. He is an intelligent man, well-affected to ~~X<sup>th</sup>~~<sup>the</sup> Unity; and has forwarded to Petersburg a statement concerning the friendly lines of our communion to the "Orthodox Church", which I prepared for him.

I hope you are not discouraged  
by our (temporary) non-success in the  
Gen. Convention on the 'Filiogue'.  
It will take time and patient toil.  
Mr. E. S. Foulkes has lately published  
a very able pamphlet on the subject,  
which will help the movement.  
I pray daily for God's blessing on it,  
and wish it were possible for me  
to aid you personally in your most  
important labors. You will doubtless  
find much <sup>than I could be</sup> able co-adjutors in Am-  
erica, who are willing to return with  
you and share your work in Athens.  
Should you fail in this, you can  
call upon me at any time, as a  
constant friend of the cause.

Very faithfully

your servant in X<sup>t</sup>.

John A. Ketell.

The Rev. Dr. Hill.

P.S. Kind regards to Mrs. Hill. Also to  
Bishop Coxe, should you chance to meet him.

Mr. J. Anketell  
Hessen (Saxony)  
Dec. 4 March 1809