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New York, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 1861.

Resd & dear Brother

I congratulate you & Mrs. Hill cordially at the triumphant vindication of your cause before the Board of Missions - The inquiry has resulted, as I felt convinced, from the beginning, it would result, in enlightening the mind of our church upon the subject of the Athenian mission, & in strengthening the confidence that was already felt in it -

You & the friends of the mission have certainly presented a clear and convincing case, and have obtained a complete verdict in your favour -

I trust that you will be allowed to prosecute your arduous and successful labors with no more such disagreeable intrusion upon your peace -

This a very striking commentary  
upon this whole affair, that ~~the~~  
the gentleman, with whom this  
attack originated, is himself arrayed  
against the power ordained of God,  
in this most unnatural rebellion,  
while you & your coadjutors have  
been strictly following out the  
line of instructions given to you  
by the Board of Missions -

I am glad to say that your  
worthy Father-in-law is still  
able to pay me his acceptable  
dues, & Miss Isabella looks  
as bright and well as usual -

I trust, dear Sir, that I shall  
be able to eat the honey of  
Hymettus at your own table, at  
some future period -

Present my kindest respects  
to Mrs. Hill - may you both  
have a right merry Christmas,  
and continue to receive the  
abundant blessing of God our Father  
& the Lord Jesus Christ -

Sincerely yrs in Christ

Army C. Montgomery

Rev. Dr. Hill.

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Rev. J. W. W. W.

Rev. D. D. D.