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[raised imprint reads: "DOVE"]

[written upside down at top of letter] PS L had not rec'd the letter containing my picture when he wrote M

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His wonders to perform

Oh how much I feel the need at the present time of giving heed to that <u>divine injunction</u> Keep thy heart with all dilligence, and to set a double watch over my lips, I am truly glad to learn that you are attending Sabbath school my desire is that you may not only <u>study</u> it, but search it as for <u>hid treasure</u> and that it may make you wise unto <u>salvation</u>

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