

from whom you sprang were  
taken from Scotland by Cromwell  
and transplanted to the Emerald  
Isle for a political purpose, and  
they have not to this day lost  
their identity and influence  
in St. Patrick's Isle. The time  
is not far back in the past, when  
we were not permitted to express a  
belief in accordance with our own  
honest convictions, if our spiritual  
teacher told us that by command  
of Mr Joshua <sup>on a particular day</sup> the time from the ris-  
ing of the sun, until the going down  
thereof, was twice the length of time  
fixed by nature's inexorable law.  
we must either acquiesce or die. Who  
are they that believe at this day  
that the Sun stood still in the  
midst of the heavens, or rather  
the Earth remained stationary  
for about a whole day. I believe  
<sup>in the justice of the ten Commandments</sup>  
just as I believe in any other truth  
whether found within or outside of  
<sup>the bias of the Bible</sup>

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Dear Dave

The Christmas gift  
which you prepared for me on the  
evening of the 25<sup>th</sup> of December last,  
and forwarded to my address came  
duely to hand, and for the kind senti-  
ments and fond remembrance which  
it brought to these distant shores,  
you surely have my sincere thanks

In return permit me to send  
greeting our kindest wishes, hoping  
that Mrs Dave and yourself, may  
long be spared to enjoy all the blessings  
which are ever attendant upon those  
who have the courage to do right to  
their own conscience, for in  
adhering to that duty we ful-  
fill the highest laws of life.

As you have been considerate  
enough to give me a personal

Sketch of David Crawford  
at the beginning of the Sentinial  
<sup>year</sup> found him. I will reciprocate in  
like manner - The photograph  
which I sent you some time  
since was not by any means  
a life-like one. And to convince  
you of that fact I herewith encl-  
ose one recently taken. And  
from which you will perceive  
I have changed but little since  
we last met - I am heavier now  
than at that time, weighing 175 lbs.

Increasing years has somewhat  
modified my former habits of  
life, but its real enjoyments are  
today the same as they were when  
I reached my 40<sup>th</sup> year. I  
enjoy life and health better now  
than I did at that age. I have  
no regular hour for retiring but  
read or write as the case may

be at any hour of the day  
or night, and sleep less than  
any person with whom I have  
ever been acquainted. This I  
attribute to the strength of my  
nerves system, and an acquired  
habit of thought which creates a  
desire to resist sleep if I have  
anything interesting on my mind.  
You say you are Presbyterian in  
religion - I am not partial to any  
particular form of Church govern-  
ment. Except in hope, I know no  
more about the next life, than  
I did at the hour of my birth.  
But I do know that in all ages  
of the past, that Priesthood & secta-  
rianism have been the greatest  
obstacle in the way, of new or ad-  
vanced ideas in progressive life.  
Presbyterianism is of Scottish  
origin and the Early progenitors