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[Reflections from Henry Bruce, Jr., July 1891]

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I am this day an Octogenarien [Octogenarian]. and looking backward, it seames [seems] but a short time since I was born before the teenes [teens] in the years of this century commenced that when I started to clime [climb] to this white summit of four sore years. And I feel thankful that this long streach [stretch] of time, has proved a happy life for me. Marred by few unpleasant tryals [trials], discouragements or disapointments [disappointments]. And they. have been insignificant and poor compaired [compared] to the great multiplied pleasurs [pleasures]. that I have enjoyed by the wayside. I have never sufferd [suffered] aney [any] great privations of cumforts [comforts]. or starvation of love. no man was ever blessed with a more charming + lovely wife. and Daughters, with a more devoted + kind mother nether [neither] of us ever lacked for the necessaries [necessities]. if we have for the luxuries of life. And I now hand you enclosed a little Octogenarian present. a small token of my unending love for you. Which I hope you may accept with as much pleasure as it gives me to bestow.

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This is a triplicate ~~to my~~ letter to each of my beloved Daughters

~~And~~ In conclusion I pray that God. may bless us with health and happiness during the reinvent [?] of this life and in the life to come with eternal bliss

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one of my last letters with gofn [?] from my precious Father.

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To keep

