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M. B. Rees Deputy Master of P of H for Union Co  
and late a patron of the Rev J. J. Mandall

Dear Bro I am gratified in being able to lay  
before you a few items on new and highly interest-  
ing topics. In the first place, it <sup>is</sup> due that I should  
acknowledge the pleasure and benefit which I enjoy  
from having so faithful and prompt a correspondent  
as yourself. Secondly you will be glad to learn that  
since Old Man Joshua's time, the great operations  
of the universe, such for instance as the regular  
diurnal revolutions of our globe, even <sup>down to</sup> to the present  
hour, have, without the slightest variation proved  
a grand success. How thankful we should be Dear  
Bro, that when Old Man Joshua raised his potent voice  
and cried aloud "Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon,  
and thou Moon, in the valley of Ajalon". Yea  
verily, when the noon tide mark upon ancient Gibeon  
remained stationary and hastened not to change  
for about a whole day, <sup>I repeat, how thankful we should be</sup> that this little irregularity  
or <sup>stoppage</sup> stoppage of the planetary momentina did not cause  
a more heart rending catastrophe, than the one  
occasioned some time prior by the big freshet  
which Uncle Noah and his family in spite of  
so fearful a calamity did, most gloriously triumph  
over its surging waves. But our end has  
not yet come, it therefore behoves us to watch  
and pray, for it has been discovered that  
even Solomon with all his power and glory  
was not a monstrosity equal to either of the old  
men spoken of above - nearly excelling them

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in his taste for fine buildings and perhaps a  
triple more commutual Experience - I am  
truly sorrow that I have no late copy of the  
Telescope, or Unity Magazine to forward with  
this bit of information. For I am told that  
Messrs Moody and Sanky are engaged at many  
shekels of Gold per week in explaining exactly  
how all these mighty works were wrought -

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The coming presidential election unlike those of 64-68  
and '72 will not be a one-sided affair, while I shall support  
Hayes it is not at all certain to my mind as yet, that he will  
be successful, though the chances are dimly in his favor, a month  
hence we will be prepared to see the outcome with little  
difficulty. Public men, many especially of late years, have become  
so disgustingly corrupt that to follow them through their devious  
forbidden courses affords but little enjoyment to me, this of course  
results from a loss of confidence. My first love of  
national politics was inspired by an impartial study  
of the motives and <sup>political principles</sup> of such men as Hamilton, J. Q. Adams, Clay  
and Tom Ewing. Rather than Jefferson, Webster or a Corwin  
I belonged to the old whig party all the early years of my life,  
when the chief business of its leaders was to oppose corruption  
and all innovation for their personal or party aggrandizement.  
Our Republic may well be proud of the leaders of that noble  
old party, and an entire American Congress to day,  
and posterity for ages to come may seek lessons of <sup>sturdy</sup> political  
virtue and patriotism at their honored tombs.

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Mrs. P. W. Moore  
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