

Baird.

Apr. 23. 1894.

Dear Mr. Baird,

After sending my
letter to you I was troubled,
for I feared I had been
too presuming both in writing
& expressing myself so freely;—
but when I read your letter
yesterday, I was glad, ex-
ceeding glad, (not for what I
had written, but that I wrote,
for had I not, I do not believe
I should have rec'd your kind
& helpful letter. Right here

am very much more hopeful
than before. I gave your letter
to Miss Minor to read, & she said
tell Mr Beldun, I believe he is
going to get well, & I can pray
for him with all the assurance
possible. She often quotes things
you used to say to me, & misses
your calls as I do.

This is a world of trials, & there
are some family troubles just
now that are weighing heavily
on my heart. As far as I know
I have done all I can for their re-
moval, & am trying to commit
them entirely to the Everlasting
& am able to find rest some
of the time.

I thank you for your kind
words & prayers

& especially for the
comforting thoughts at
the close of your letter.

That Dr. Foster's treatment
& all the efforts for your
recovery may be successful
is the earnest prayer of
Yours sincerely
E. J. Richardson.

P.S. I have read Dr. Hamlin's
Life & Times with exceeding
interest. In it he says I will
not say much of my family
affairs, as I have written them
elsewhere. To what book did

he refer? & who was his
second wife? You can answer
these questions sometimes when
you are visiting Miss Bourne.
E. J. R.