



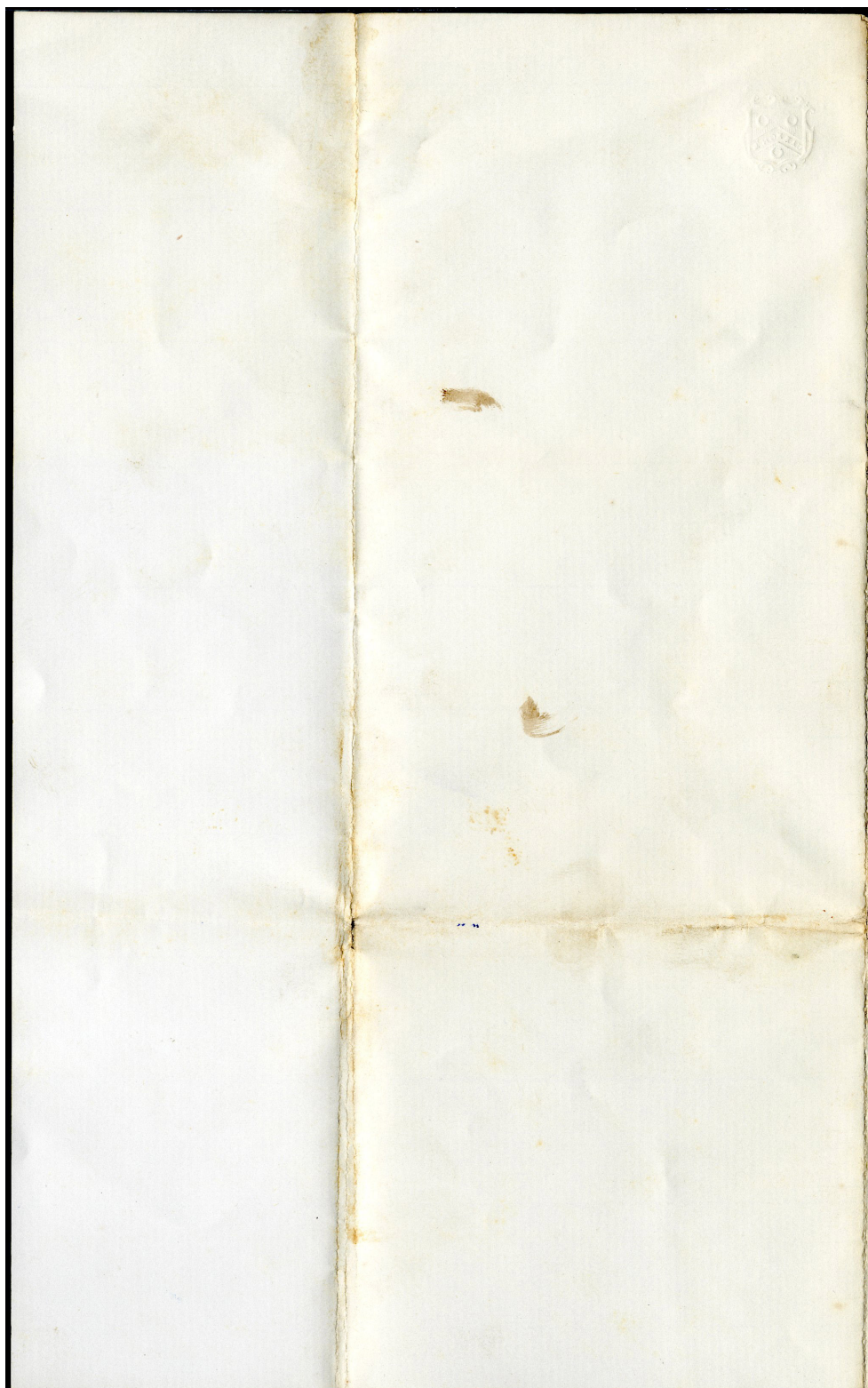
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Wilmington Delaware Friday evening
March 20th 1863

Dear Brother

It has been so long since we heard from you that we are very anxious about you. I has been over two weeks since we had a letter from you, and we think you must either be so much better that you think it not worthwhile writing before you come home or else that you are so much worse as not to be able to write. I hope it is not the latter.

The temperance meetings are still going on and I guess they are having very good success. They are held every Saturday evening in the city hall.

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what is the reason, but she always expects
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