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Observatory
Washington
30 Dec. 1860

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt
of your kind letter of the
16th. You & brother
& Mr. Mitchell have put me
in our much.

It's an awkward
sort of thing for one
in good health to sit
down & write an "obituary"
of one's self, though for
the present I am prevented
from offering ideas pro-
vided and checked in the mat-
ter for I am unable
to refer you to what I
call "obituarious" already

already written. There
was one in the Southern
Literary Messenger. Rich-
mond Va. about 1840.
a year or two sooner or
later. There is one I believe
in Allibon's Dictionary -
another in the New Am.
Encyclopedia, which the
meager will I suppose
assure Mr. Micholts
purposes.

With friendly
consideration, pray
allow me to subscribe
very truly
very truly yrs

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