

Religious letter

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My dear Miss Mercer

As the things of eternity are of so much more importance than the things of time, is it not strange that we should have met so often without touching the subject till yesterday. I hope both of us will be enabled to manifest more & more, that we are pilgrims & strangers here, seeking a better - even a heavenly country. If we could realize an abiding sense of God's presence with us, would not we act very differently? I dare say Miss Mullar has told you what was her errand to Warriston Crescent. Poor thing, I fear it would be vain to attempt giving her any idea of what she is doing, as all we could say would be contradicted by her daily experience. My dear Miss Mercer

if you have the peace & joy of believing
in Jesus as all your salvation, I am
sure you will be as anxious as I am that
these two wandering lambs might be
brought back to our gracious shepherd.
If the desire for their soul's salvation
were always uppermost in our mind, it
would influence our conduct so as to
make us commend the gospel of God our
Saviour unto them. May we be enabled
to show them the love-hope of religion.

You see this is a very hurried
queer sort of a note, but as I have some
things to say to you I thought that if it should
be convenient for you to come a few min-
utes before the time tomorrow I will
come too, for we must not let them
see us talking. I must just conclude
with the beautiful text: Then they that
feared the Lord spake often one to another,
& the Lord hearkened & heard, & a book of
remembrance was written before him, for

them that feared the Lord, & that thought
upon his name. And they shall be mine,
saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I
make up my jewels; & I will spare them
as a man spareth his own son that serveth
him. From

Your affectionate Friend
Mary Mackenzie.

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