

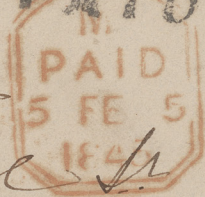
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to her manner. Charles and Clara have just occurred to me. do you  
written with much good sense and I have  
shall be instructed by most of  
It is surely written by a family  
through another Margaret  
I expected to find it contain  
an explanation of the peculiar views of  
Baptists concerning baptism, than I do, for that  
is the principal point of which you differ  
from other churches except in church government  
which my dear Margaret is a very unimportant  
difference arising generally from different  
factors seeing things in different lights. There  
are two kinds. Some doctrines in the Bible which  
every Christian must believe or cease to be  
a Christian and others about which there have  
been differences from the earliest ages and  
probably always will be, unless God in his  
principal providence see fit to put a stop to  
them. Meanwhile we are to read our Bibles  
with prayer to be guided into all truth, but



from the great differences which always have existed among the best of men on even very important points we can hardly dare hope to be entirely kept from prejudice. I sometimes fancy from little things which sometimes escape you, that you have so unfavourable an idea of the Church of England, and even of the Church of Scotland, that you scarcely think members of those churches very safe. If so, my dear girl, only think of this verse of scripture, one of the most precious in all the sacred writings. "There is <sup>now</sup> no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, which walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit" and believe me when I assure you that the endeavour of all sincere members of both these churches is to place their trust in their Saviour and to walk in his commandments, God helping them by his grace, and surely you will not imagine that such can be far wide of the mark, for they rest on the only rock of salvation, and who shall separate them from the love of Christ?



I am myself no "pattern for the believers," I know too well, but my greatest desire is to be able to realize that Christ has done all for me, but so, that I myself may always work for him with my whole strength, and die trusting in his alone salvation. How far I do this I cannot say, and often think, with great reason, that I am very far from the Kingdom of God, I have so very little regard for Christ's honour. Did you ever read "Scott's force of Truth." Do so, if you have not, I think it one of the best books in the language. I think I understand by your letter, that you have been baptized, and am very glad to hear it, as I considered you a fit candidate for it, "believing with all your heart," as I think you do.

Were you aware that I have had the chicken, or small pox, this winter? D<sup>r</sup> Lee attended me, but could not pronounce which it was. We have had a very dull winter, all the family almost having been ill.amma had an attack of erysipelas, and Mr. Walker a very severe cold.