

Dear friends

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My Dearest Margaret,

For some time past, I have longed for an opportunity of disclosing the state of my mind, towards her, whom I am now addressing, & in doing so shall I say, would fondly hope, will not be considered presumptuous.

It is a subject which has occupied my mind as a thorough & calm deliberation, & one, the magnitude & importance of which cannot be too much overrated. I feel it to be so in coming to the conclusion I have done, it is not without imploring the divine Counsel & assistance of our Heavenly Father,

Knowing that such a step
involves our happiness or
misery in this world, &
also a great means, of
the further advancement of
our Souls in ~~Heaven~~ in
Grace in the knowledge
of our Lord & Saviour Jesus
Christ.

I need hardly say
these remarks have conform
to the declaration I love
you, & also in asking for
a reciprocity of that
feeling, may I not be
asking too much. —
did you but know the
warmth of feelings I

entertain, your name
is ever on our hearts -
I could say a great deal
more, but short as these
remarks are, they proceed
from a heart, which cannot
express what it feels, but
is most desirous to see
who is the subject of them.

Then, I have a breeze of paper
to Father & Mother - I could
not be happy without doing
so, knowing their happiness
is in a high degree that of their
daughters - About you
will think I have
done right
on Thursday Evening
if all will hold well,
In the meantime
Believe me
Yours most affly
Thos. Child