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My very dear Aunt,

It is now a very, very long time since I addressed a letter to you, in short one year has gone, & another come, & I hope has taken with it the remembrance of my neglect, for I am quite ashamed of my self for not having written long ago, to thank you for yr. very handsome present sent me by Uncle, & also for the book by Bonar, given some time before which I got Uncle to write my name in when he was here instead of you,

I enjoyed the reading of it much,
& have had much pleasure, & I trust
some profit from rereading some
of its chapters.

I purchased lately a book strongly
recommended by some of my friends,
called, Daily Light on the Daily Path.
being a text book for every day in
the year, but unlike many such
books, it has a text for each day in
the year, followed by several verses
of scripture, (literally quoted) from
all portions of the Bible to bring
out the different aspects of the text,
it is therefore calculated to improve
greatly the mind of the user by
committing such verses to memory
daily, not to speak of the benefit

it may be to the soul, it forms
a topic for conversation when any
of us meet who use the book.

I was much disappointed at being
so poorly when Uncle was with
us, as I had looked forward with
great pleasure to the anticipated
visit of all, but He who ruleth in
the heavens ordereth all things aright.

I started for Andover just three
or four days after Uncle, George,
& Ann left us in hopes of gathering
some strength, which I very much
needed, & also getting rid of my
rheumatism which continued still
to trouble me, I remained there
for fully a month but had com-
-pletely got rid of it before I left,
(at least for a time, for I am sorry

to say it returned after I had
been about 5 weeks at home, &
I had rather a long tack of it,
but thanks be to God I have had
no return as yet since then; by
the blessing of God I gathered a little
strength while there to begin my
winters work a fresh, but I have
not taken quite so much in hand
this winter, as I found it was
more than my body was equal
for: in addition to my home
duties & attending my class, I
retain my district visiting & meeting
& the instruction of my four younger
sisters on Sabbath evening.
I have been a good deal occupied
for five or six weeks past in the
evening practising along with

several others some by themselves, the
first set of which was sung at
the Bristol Place Young Men's
Improvement Association since
the second at a united society of
all the Baptist churches in town,
the latter was held in the Music Hall,
at both which I was called upon
to take part in the necessary pre-
parations; then followed our Sunday
School song: I have also been
very busy at home, but I hope
that I will now have a rest for
a little.

I have the frequent opportunity of
singing a week, going to the Barclay
church in our neighbourhood
to hear my exposition of the Pilgrim
Progress, from 2^d Th. Wilson & thoroughly

christian & practical minister
of the Free church, you never
go there without feeling you
have got some good upon which
the soul may feed. I am a head
gone over with one of his sermons
pleased with what he said
that she intends going as often
as she possibly can.
He had a special service on New-
Years Day which I attended. He
took his remarks from the 5th of
concluding verses of the 5th of Peter
in speaking of humility which
he did largely, he gave a beautiful
family table as he said from a com-
mentary where humility was spoken
of as a vessel into which all
the other graces of the Spirit were

joined for God resisteth ^{or opposeth} Himself
to the proud but giveth grace to the
humble, so that he who did not
possess it could not be the possessor
of it, though they might have
one or other of them. If therefore
could not be the christians that
they ought to be, he went on further
to say how unbecoming & how unlike
the dignity of a true christian, to be
fretted & annoyed about little trifles
in the household arrangement, or
management of with regard to the
greater trials the same spirit of
humility was necessary & when being
the injunction, cast away all y^e care
upon Him for He careth for you, it
be careful for nothing, he gave as an
example of that a plant growing
in the midst of a stream which

generally flowed calmly along,
but whose waters from the
melting of snow or the falling of
heavy rain came down in a torrent,
& the plant feeling all was not
as usual instead of resisting the
opposing element which w^d very
possibly have been its destruction, it
went under the current, & when
all was past it raised its head
as fresh & vigorous as before, so
ought every Christian to do under
the Providence of God, for it is
in succumbing, & opposing that the
cross is formed, for He doeth all
things well, & for our good; there
was a great deal more, but it is impossible
in a letter to give it in detail, or to
do justice to the speaker.

I should like much to know how Mr.
Baynes gets on & whether the numbers are