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Francis Newark. Nov 24th

Read

My Dear Mrs Smith,

Your just rec-
eived, & contents noted. I think
as you do, that the Lord can
take care of the unfortunate mat-
ter in His own time & way.

I can but think some evil of
Mr L. when any body is
against a man, there must be
something wrong. Still we will
wait for God to settle the strange
circumstances, & in the meantime
ask the Lord to protect those dear
girls if they are in the midst of
temptation. The little book come,
I have not had time to read
it yet. Many thanks. I was so
thankful to God for your talk
in Newark to the Ladies, & for
our sweet little chat together.

You are very near & dear to me,
Only those who knew the secrets

of the Lord can understand our
love for the saints. By the grace
of God I have had such a glo-
rious victory this past year, &
that is, I no longer depend upon
the arm of flesh for my teaching.

You have been in the past
a source of temptation to me,
because I longed to be with you,
& felt that if I could only have
your attention drawn to my needs,
that I could grow very fast; I
envied those who could be in your
society, & those to whom you seem-
ed deeply attached. But when
the Lord drew me close to Himself,
& satisfied my soul's longings, I
had no mind of you; but such a
love for you filled my heart, that
I could only half express it even
to my Lord. Now I feel as if we
were together in Him. No one can
separate us while we abide in the

heart of the Bridegroom, Our love
for each other is sacred, & a
secret only understood above.

If we never meet on earth again
it is all well, for our Spirits are
me, & constantly meeting in Christ.

But I am very thankful when
the Master permits me to see you
in the flesh. Oh, that the Church
might awake to the glories which
are spread out before her; might
make ready for the Bridegroom.

My joy is in the thought that
I am the Bride. What difference
does it make to me if all the
world misunderstands my life, who
has such honor bestowed upon them
as the Bride of the Lamb? A matter
not if the world does ^{not} know of my
sacred relationship into the King-
dom of Kings, I know it, and is it any
wonder that my life is joyful?

By the Spirit bring me to your
remembrance while in prayer,
ask that I may be especially
guided just now, a great field
opens to me, but while the work
is good, I do not wish to take
it up unless the Master leads
in that direction.

May God bless you more & more,
filling your soul with His glory.

Remember me most kindly to
your good husband, he has been
the means of drawing me closer
to the Lord again & again.

Yours in the Lord
Ellie O. Beecher.