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546 Selby Ave.

St Paul Nov 23^d 1883

My Dear Mrs Smith.

I cannot tell you how very much I thank you for your very prompt and generous answer to my presumptuous request. I would like to make a little explanation to exonerate Miss Willard in the matter, at the risk of encroaching on your valuable time. If I could give you an idea of how weary Miss Willard was when she came to us from Detroit, and how hard I tried to refrain from plying her with questions, and let

her have her needed rest, and how many times we commenced talking about Mrs Haunel Smith, and were interrupted every time, you would form some idea of the difficulties in the way of coming to a right understanding of a number of important matters, important to myself at least.

At last when we had succeeded in packing Miss Willard and Miss Gordon with their belongings in their section in the sleeping car Miss Willard said to me she thought if I wrote to you about my work here you would help me, and there was some interruption, so I think altogether it was my stupidity and not her fault.

However if you will have a little patience, I would like to tell you what help the leaflets sent me yesterday in a most trying position.

I have been in St Paul a very short
time. am a stranger, not accustomed
to leading meetings at all, am Sec:
& Treas: of the W.C.S.U., went to the
meeting yesterday. found myself the
only officer present. quite a number
of strangers there, was obliged to
lead both the Mother's meeting and
the other meeting, if I had known, I
should have taken a whole week for
preparation, but I went straight through.
I used your leaflet on "Definiteness"
what a comfort it was, I have
a distinct voice, and they all
heard me which is a comfort
and I thought, with a clear voice,
& Definiteness, with the blessing of
God what can I not do? and
I believe we had a good meeting
I had at least, and if I had
anticipated it, I should have been

quite overcome. I distributed the
leaflets half regretfully for I was
not through with them. When I re-
turned home there were the
little tracts. I cannot tell you
the blessing your tracts and books
have been to me, no language
can express how they have helped
me through $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ so many dark
places in my life, and I have
helped so many through your books
to bear life's heavy burdens.

Do you will not think I am
obtruding if I sign myself.

Your very grateful and
sincere friend

Elizabeth C. Allen

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