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Wemyss Castle, Dysart Fife
Scotland
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My dear Mrs Smith
I was delighted to get
your letter & shared the pleasure
of it with several friends - the
Temples, ^{Mr. Dukes} Mr. Sumner, Charrington,
Mr. Leyster & Miss Marsh with
whom I spent last Sunday. She
is fairly well except that she suffers
a good deal in her head and
has had a good deal of anxiety
about different matters - especially
illnesses of friends. She specially
sent her love to you and asked
me to tell you how much she
sympathised with you in the
mingled pain & pleasure which
writing a father's life must give
his daughter, and which she
had - as you know - been through
herself. I see her a good deal

from time to time and always
find her the same great hearted
woman full of love to the
saints. I think if you met her
again that the last vestiges
of soreness would disappear. How
I wish it may come to pass!
Anyway, we shall all have a glorious
meeting by the bye.

I am writing chiefly because I
want you to tell me (or else
to recommend me some book)
which exactly expresses your view
above the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
We have been thinking & reading
& praying & talking a good deal
about it over here. But I
don't think we have any very
definite witnesses to its reception
- such as you have in Steele &
others. Have you received it
yourself & did it come

by waiting for it or by claiming
it by faith? And if so how does
it affect your work as to results
and is the power intermittent?
And what special passages of
Scripture are your warrant
in the matter? Pray let me
know these things as the subject
is most tremendously important.
We got on it very little at Bradford
after all. I think the meeting
was too large for the bringing
forward a subject on which other
leaders were not agreed. My own
was particularly good, but I was
prepared to receive rather
than to give on that subject.
Mr. Dukes spoke very little, Body
spoke a good deal & very
eloquently he rose on that
subject. Webb Payloe & Hopkins
were nice, Miss Smiley excellent.

The Eli Dousons scarcely spoke in
the meetings but only in the
Town Hall on Temperance. ~~But~~
Young Rainford & Charnifton
preached the gospel in the evening.
I did not personally enjoy the
meetings so much while they
lasted, as I was very tired &
had a good deal of responsibility
but I expected to get a great
blessing afterwards as soon as
I did: get alone with my bible.
and I did - more than I
ever had before thank God. These
6th Romans led me after a
long time of indecision to be
baptized as a matter of obedience
& I never guessed to what a
glorious blessing it wd. be &
what a light it would shed on
much that was dark -

I have not made up my mind
for certain that infant baptism
is wrong, but I think it is
a great loss to lose the
immersion without which
the passages in 6th Romans &
Colossians lose their meaning
and also to lose the ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~part~~
~~old~~ ^{part} which the will
old have in accepting
full Xtn. privileges, & ^{also} the
separation from the world
which is lost as far as
that ordinance goes if it
becomes a fashion to baptize
all children - At any rate
my own course was quite
clear, the 6th Romans simply
brought me to a dead stop
& I felt I could not
claim the blessing of immersion

tho I had been immersed.
Mr Inker writes to me about
your book & tells me to get
it - which you may be sure
I do not need any telling
to do. I am so glad it is
out.

Give my love to all the
dear children. Perhaps one
day I shall come out
& see you all.

I have forwarded your
letter to Mrs Sumner.
With love to dear R.P.S.

Believe me
Yours truly
Edward Clifford