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Dear Mrs Smith -

Catholics  
& Kirk's Secret

Return to Dr. W. S.

1-5 M. S.  
2-9. W. S.  
3-14. W. S.

I have but a moment to write  
in - I am down at in West 16<sup>th</sup> St now  
at 1.45 & am going to hear your last lecture  
which I should not do, were it not to be your  
last - as I have an engagement out this evening  
First, in the crowd of things to be said let  
me say of your much encouragement in regard  
to your book "Christians ~~hoping~~ Scent of a happy  
Life", I could talk & tell of encouragement from  
January to December - among all classes of  
people - the rich, the fastidious, and extremely  
worldly - Among the intelligent - in theological  
seminaries &c &c - but enough - all you  
have to do is to trust it (more fully even)  
with God - It is His truth, and He gave you  
the power to tell it in just that way - and  
He stirred you up to write it - and He  
has stirred up others to increase its circula-  
tion and He is adding His blessing by  
imparting the Holy Spirit to enforce its  
teaching - All His own work, as was said  
this morning - Can you tell me the



Author of Tract Commission which was  
when you sent it to me, published in  
Worcester Mass. by Mr Caldwell - now  
by other parties here - with the following  
heading "By a Converted Brahmin" -  
I ask because I have been told that it  
was supposed to be from the pen of  
Parayan Shashadrai who was in this  
city last winter - but a Catholic lady  
who boarded with me last winter, excitedly  
said to me - "you have got our tract I  
indeed you have" - I told her no - she  
begged permission to take it to one of the  
Jesuit priests - I consented & she told me  
said it was written by a French Catholic -  
Father - I cannot recall the name -

Miss Bailey in charge of Willford School Refor-  
matory here 239. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. asked me last winter  
why so many Catholics were there to buy  
your book? ("Christian's Secret") I could not  
tell her. Can you? And did you know of this?

No more now - I am sorry you are going -

The Lord go with you & may the Comforter  
lead you into all truth - affectionably  
(Wednesday 2 o'clock) Cabot