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Cal. letter concern-
ing question of H. W. S
losing her faith

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Coxton Dec 19th 1899

Dear Mrs Smith

Your Christian's De-
cret of a Happy Life has done more
to settle my faith, than anything
else I ever read, not even excepting
the Bible, and when doubts came
I fly to the chapter on the Will as
to a strong Tower. I keep a copy by
my bedside - and I cannot tell
how many copies I have given
away, nor the help they have been
to others. I did not realize how
how much I pinned my faith to
until Sabbath when a friend was
looking over some copies of your
books I had ready for Christmas
presents - when she remarked on
the seeming impossibility of your
having become a Unitarian. I
felt it could not be true but she

was so certain of it that there
seemed no doubt. For a time I was
thrown back into the old chaotic
state, and I felt as if the foundation
was knocked out again. Then the
words "Let God be true though every
man a liar" came to me over and over, then
I went to my room and begged God not to
let me, let go again, telling Him that
I wished to believe - but I have felt
ever since, that I had been to the funeral
of a beloved friend, but I tell myself that
certainly there is a mistake and that I must
know it. I feel too that perhaps it is a
test to see if I will hold fast, and I mean
to, for I cannot live without the support
that faith gives - but may I ask you
to tell me the true state of the case, if it
is true that you have lost your faith in
the divinity of Christ, your reasons for so doing.
I must thank you for what your book
has been to me and hope most sincerely you
have not lost what you have helped so many
to gain. Lovingly your friend
(Mrs) W. H. Fox Cotton
Calif.