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Detroit, Michigan. August 21st 1895.

Mrs. Smith,

Dear Madam, I met Mrs. Rounds this Summer, at Clifton Springs, as she was returning from your adopted country. We were talking of the last one of your books that I have seen, on practical religion. I told her the Story of your Son Frank's life, had always been a favourite book, with me. So well calculated to interest boys, at his age. I had three boys of my own, and several Nephews, that I tried to supply; each with a copy of it. But before I had all I wanted; they told me the Book was out of print. It seems a pity, that useful books should be lost, to the public; and so much truth kept before them. Especially such books for boys; I have seldom met one so interesting, and profitable. Nothing in literature, seems more necessary; than something helpful for boys, from 15 to 20. Almost a turning point, when they begin to want to think for themselves. But ^{so} little to give a right turn to their minds; we have none in our libraries. Mrs. Rounds said, she would give me your direction; and thought you might have a couple of copies of your Son's History; the Secret of a

happy life; which ^{would} you kindly have mailed to my
home Home in Dayton Ohio. Where I am boarding
in the Cooper Seminary. Now, I am with my
Daughter, who Superintends the Deaconess Home in
Detroit, for the last five years. Although I have
never met you; your writings have ^{made} me feel, that
if I should ever have that pleasure; you would
hardly seem a stranger. Mrs. Hook, a connection
in our family, in passing through the place of your
residence, a few years ago, called to see you, and
I think, from losing her train, and your hospitality;
she spent the night in your house. She was so
much interested in your Son, thought he must
have been a real Brother of Frank. We hoped
that when you came to the Friends Yearly meeting,
in Richmond; in passing through Dayton you would
have time to stop for awhile. This was several
years ago; since then, both she & I have buried our
Husbands; and spend our time, general with our
children; who are as glad to see our friends as we
are. I hope you will excuse this liberty, in writing so
free, to a stranger; which I would not have done, but
for meeting Mrs. Rounds. I have tried wherever I had an oppor-
tunity; to obtain the Secret of a happy life. If you could let me have
2 copies, & would send them to me, with the price; I would be obliged.

Mrs. P. Gaddis.