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Rev. A. LOWREY, D. D.
EDITOR OF
"DIVINE LIFE."
A MONTHLY,
Devoted to the Highest Spiritual
Interests of the Churches.
Price, \$1.00 per Annum.

I sent him "Enemies in the
Land" + he heard me preach
when in Brooklyn last.
No. 805 BROADWAY,
New York, Feb. 15 1882

Mrs W M Smith

Dear Sister: I have this
day rec'd & read with uncommo[n] interest
your Tract entitled "Enemies in the Land"
It commands my unqualified approval as
sound timely & useful. I could the baul-
ling for Divine Life, & if you had not pub-
lished it in tract form I would insert it
at once. Can you not give me a revision
of it under the title of "The Four Voices"
Your restless way of putting truth I much
admire & it seems to me you are becoming pro-
foundly orthodox & divinely conservative.
If your views are broad it is not in the sense of con-
nivance at sin or the denial of retribution but
in the sense that God's love & mercy in Christ
are broad. It is common for thoughtful Christ-
ians to have peculiar ideas that may seem to
collide with the accepted faith. Pres it is not
always wise to utter publicly, not it may be
because they contain dangerous & essential

er or but because they are generally miscon-
strued & made to soothe the guilty

Your practical writings are exceedingly
clear & pertinent. I have an "impression"
that the four "Voices" - the Spirit, the Word, Com-
mon Sense & Providential indications concur
in teaching that you should keep yourself to
this line of work. You have a rare gift.

If I were not under the conviction that for some
reason you preferred not to do so, I would urge
you to make Living Life a channel of your deepest
spiritual instructions. The door is open.

I experience no change in my views, except in the direc-
tion of expansion & greater clearness. I do not fear
the danger from the emotional element of religion
that you seem to apprehend. There is so much wood
in my nature & so little pitch in the wood, that I
need a good deal of feeling as kindling. I have no-
ticed that in factories a great blaze does us harm
if it is made to stream out of a high chimney heavenward
& is not allowed to come in contact with the roof or other

combustible matter. Remember me to Dear Robert &
tell him when his health will allow, he ought to be
witnessing for the Master. Regards to all my Quaker
friends

Yours most Faithfully
A. Lowrey