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My dear Mr. Smith

Almost incessant ill-health since I received your last letter has prevented me writing in reply. I am a trifle better now and endeavouring to make up some essays your own included.

I find your sentiments, both those expressed in your letter, and your books very restful and I am beginning to feel as you do, that it is difficult to endure with those whose friends pass out of this troublesome world. How appalling the

(The) times are, but out of the darkness we look for the light, in what we hope will be the speedy coming of our Lord.

I trust dear Mr. Smith that you are in your usual good health but it must be very trying to be unable to walk.

You seem to regard the affliction with much resignation however, as I suppose it does not try you very much. I shall indeed be delighted to receive your new book, I have only just finished reading the "Christian Secret" with a

little friend who is writing this letter, we both enjoyed it so much and I think I read it with almost every new person who comes into my household.

We having been passing through a very anxious time in connection with the war, this is the third I have been through, and I hope it may soon be over as it is most trying. God seems to be favouring our cause however and has told me. 'The clouds we so much dread shall break and he with mercy on our head'. I have been having some wonderful times of union and communion lately, how I wish I could meet you and talk to you about them

perhaps some day we may meet
again, in the meantime I shall
never cease to thank God for
having allowed me to meet you.
Having told you what your books
have been to me before I did,
you will understand what the
touch of the hand and the
living presence meant, to one
who had almost a hero-
worship for you. May God
continue to use you until
your life's end this is the
prayer of

Yours in the love of Christ

Laura Teel