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My dear Mary

My heart turned
to thee for comfort under that
Calamity for I can call it nothing
else that had befallen me & thine
truly dreadful mortality. I had no
idea it was coming, and still less
that it was so near to be when
it did come. It affrights me
and scares me. It tends to
distract me from my work, and
overwhelms me with a reputation
I am quite unable to sustain.
I hope through Divine trust, in
the end, to be stored deeply though
it and come out with Calm
patience. Why must I always
be the cause or occasion of
some stir in the Church?
I don't want to do it, and don't
mean to do it, and yet it will come

I thought I had come to the west
when I was interviewed by the
Cor of the N.Y. Herald, Thompson.
I didn't tell him I was "thirty
years old". However I found even
in this forest depths a man deep
when Harper and Frank Leslie
Watches saw after me for my
witness I flatly refused. But
last night an independent artist
was occupied with my face all
the time I was preaching in the
pavilion security of Anti-Slavery House
and as it is plainly ascertainable
very one thinks I ought to have
myself from a caricature. I
don't know its an awful delusion
then the Independent is publishing
an article on some religious
subject and offers me \$15 a column.
You can just imagine the teasing
of all this. As for Dr. Cuyler
his philippic sold 100 copies
of him last week.

Dr. Cuyler, it set out and
never stood higher. He was
golden opinions not only by his
eloquence but by his firmness
of spirit during the trial a
contrast indeed to his opponents.
Except the Eagle a low paper which
has always abused him, and has
been included in its libel treatment
the press is almost unanimous
in his favor. Last sixth day
I went in to take tea with them
and then was content to stay
the night. It was delightful
I had so found they might be
swayed by the storm but from
the good Mother in her Chamber
down to his little ^{8 years old} son who
just appropriated me at his feet,
all stand in one feeling. And
I have seen a bunch of his
friends. He do it almost
overwhelmed by letters pouring in
from all over the country

The letter says I was

expressing sympathy & support
Secret & Moderate of the
General Assembly and other very
prominent men are among the
Members. It really seems as
if the Lord had a purpose
to accomplish by it in the
Church. Talbot ^{Pastor} preached
yesterday on the subject, and
two other Clergymen in N. H.
The Congregationalists & Baptists
in this City all seem of one
mind and I could furnish
a whole year in the Church
from year to year. But I
am going away till the excitement
is down. Two weeks in N. Y.
at J. W. Knapp's, at Longmeadow
and then I am going to the
Anti-Slavery at Rochester. After
which I return for two weeks
at Pentecost and General
Congregational Church.

Since writing this have
written to the
General Assembly
and to the
Church

2/15 - New York City - 263 W. 34th St.

I have come over to the other
side - and this day began
in Trinity Church. The first week
I had hoped for cannot be had.
The very first night through a fearful
storm - brought a large congregation
and last night (the Sunday in the
week) we had a thousand. But the
Lord also was there and a very
good feeling prevailed. This has
been a very good Church with
many men of wealth & worldly Christian
Wm. J. Lockman on the side of one
in the pulpit, I had "Anderson" on
the other. It was delightful
to be so supported and dispo-
at the Church near to the Trinity
I go to his Church the middle
of next week. My home while
working there will be at Exchange
Place Meyer - now the Chairman
of the Com of 10. He has been
in a very impossible state and
on this account A. L. is very

desires I should go. Here I am
at the Passages of Lake
Mother is a rare Christian
& may it truly. Nothing could
excuse their kindness and
coming over as I did from
Brooklyn with a nervous feeling
of being battered and bruised - and
driven up and down. Their affection
has come upon me like dew on
a parched thorn. Also the air
suits my health - and my
throat is paining rapidly
and has turned out pretty well
Wells coming I take as my
companion - that is she tries
to be at the meetings and sit as
near me as possible.

I think it was after I wrote
this that another Primitive Baptist
the converted few received letters
a blessing. When Charles first
brought him he said in the
way. I understood this whole matter
and I'll show him freely when

the student in 15 minutes. The
thing is not logical! He went
away weeping bitterly, and we
had been with it. I planned the best
to show him suddenly what a
promising present. It was just
like a blind man receiving light
& he seemed fairly bewildered by the
flood of light. He went home to
work it out and found himself
that night in another world. His
only child has been since stricken
down with brain fever - but through
all his faith endures. There three
Primitive alone would have been
joy enough for my Brooklyn heart.
There are three more (Baptist
and Presb) who are earnestly seeking
more light.

I have not written long I intend
to - but must stop. Oh! I
must not forget to say what
a very great comfort it was to see
J. T. King at the be. of service that
night when I had between 1,000
& 5,000 people before me.

It is thought above 2000 went among
Brother began 1/3 full by dis. felt
a stream of his walked into Church
with him. "Why, why he said
Presently. What the matter. has
anything happened. Any disaster"
"O no Mr. Beecher it only means
that Sister Wiley has taken the
pint out of your sails for our night"
"O to be sure. She at the reading
Well I am glad of it. Right glad of it.
Right glad they are free to hear Sister
Wiley" - "What is worth of him?
He was in about 15 minutes doors
of the street closed found suddenly
in of filled him up. The next went
on to Salvoque. I have declined
speaking any more in Hall. They
wanted me at Cooper Institute, but
just now it would be utterly
inexpedient. Do pray for me
that God may still keep me
a guide. What should I do
but for a Saviour. Who is with
me always. In due love
Ever affly
A. S. Wiley