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My Darling wife:

Your sweet letter of yesterday came after I had writ-
(Yes of 29th) and desired another. Be-
sides that, I have been unable to get
you out of my mind, hardly for an
instant - I have hardly had a breath
of passion for months and now it
really seems as if I should die from
it - I know it seems foolish to you but
it is a terrible thing to me - I think of you and
try to drive it away but it really seems
to make me worse. I was looking at
your likeness last night and I could
not rid myself of the impression that
it was mocking my misery. I got through
last night and ^{was} ~~was~~ determined not to
yield to the temptation, but you know I
have been in the desert so long that
sight and smell of ~~your~~ intoxicating

me terribly - If I could get away from the book I would come to Esie tomorrow. However, I shall get on somehow. You do not know how delightful it is to get cheery letters from you once more, I think we must have been torturing each other by our own anxious love - I know all my trouble has been on your account. I think the cloud is lifting now and that we shall soon hear pleasant sailing again. The book is certain to be a success, I think and then everything looks pleasant. It is amazing how the atmosphere has changed here. Everyone is very pleasant to me and I feel more at home in Raleigh than I have ever done before. I do not dread going away either. Some how, the world seems broader and brighter than it has in a long time before. I hardly know what to lay it to but

it is very pleasant - If I could only be with you I think I should be happy any where - The Reads are here but they were very nearly afraid to speak to a Republican - The Democrats are not half so timid - Mrs. Lunt is sick. The Welbrells are all well. I have not seen the new Presbyterian minister here. They say he is a slow coach - Dr. Vaughan's health improved immediately after his resignation here, when he accepted a call to Atlanta at \$4000 - I am glad you like the Bobbs: think you are mistaken as to the cause of my dislike. My recollection is that I was quite an admirer of Mrs. C. and was somewhat disgusted with me for not appreciating her - I have forgotten why I did not like her. The husband I remember distinctly, being very unfavorably impressed with - I don't think there was

any reason for it - certainly no definite
or distinct one. I do not think Mary
said a word about him. I remember
her anxiety that I should meet Mrs. C.
I have no doubt they are very pleasant
and enjoyable people - I don't know as
I could appreciate any one of that pro-
fession very highly anyhow.

A committee is coming here
today to consult me and
when they come

Yours truly

Edw. Wright