

Bessie says that the greatest pleasure
that she ever enjoyed was to tell
you that she is going to - Cambridge
she arrived at Litch from there
on Wednesday, I have been away
with this week until yesterday
I was quite sick then but felt
much better to-day I do not think
I shall ever meet her
again, maybe her or her
sister, that I was not going
back at all - perhaps I shall not
Oswell has got a new mother to let her
get a piece of those fine quilting
stitches - strong cord at Smith's
day for her - I have the same with
the new - old at what she wanted I will
it of you will get a pair of No 40
as soon as the bottom of my seam
is done - I will think you will come
to the - I want to see you with a dear
heart as much as possible -

always and I must let you know
of these things now I have been
very desirous to write to you all this
week but have delayed it so far
now I cannot tell you why I have
delayed to write this letter but that
I have decided it you may know and
know it as the truth I could have
written you and expressed nothing
but joy and hope but it would not have
been that which it was not my duty
to write - I have dear Albin's gift
you the key that should unlock all my
heart that its innermost feelings should
be shown to your gaze, but there is
a small defect of language that the
heart was given you has not opened
it might have opened that secret
place but I would not let it be
clearly handed and thought the best

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Christian then there again have
 in the year 1850, I was
 really afraid, I did not think I should
 die then and my wife and child
 often and attentively for some time
 forgotten and gradually, until
 they opened at last and all manner
 feelings were off and I was more
 joyful and more bold than ever
 plunged deeply into the rational
 excitement of the great and great
 thoughts and happy I did not
 know I said my first upon my
 even the prayer that my wife and
 I could not find the way
 I was cast and faithful at home and
 accordingly only, but when we
 or with my books it was again
 but I never ceased to look them
 thoughts of the past would come to me
 but I would not let them and
 such was I, when you for
 know her, when we together
 the subject on the Lake of Geneva
 given, almost anything if I could
 escaped from the subject you commu-
 cated, talking upon the subject of
 almost hated you there or at least
 I loved very much to do my duty and
 thought of you and of what could
 and my father's spirit was
 broken down crushed to the dust
 last and I sought my Bible and
 again and dear Mother I
 have not that deep love
 as once, but that deep
 my, praying, in my heart is
 sufficiently to say may you
 to do right, I have often
 when I am discouraged and
 it useless for me to try, then
 the thought of my Father's
 of his gift to me for the
 and then I again and
 often my and the far from
 with I do not know

saying that since I am done with earthly things I shall be
 as happy as to reach Heaven at last I know dearest that
 you will be confirmed about heavenly things long after
 I would have told you this before but I could not I
 tried a little altogether was so very weak that I dare not
 confess to you that I had a hope of Heaven. The one that
 dear father thought I have to struggle must against as you
 love for you I often feel that it is a struggle when that for
 Heaven but I have enjoyed the so much that it might
 not be so I would not have any earthly good I would for
 my savior best of all I would think of him as my best
 friend and that if all others should forsake me I would
 not. Now dear God you know all and I know that
 this will give you very much joy I have written this
 very hastily and it is very not less half the last that
 I feared it would be I feel now that I love my
 savior and you better now than when I was
 writing this. You will pray for me. I am
 so lonely and I want you to be with me. I am
 so lonely. Why God grant your prayers that you hear

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