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Tonawanda Nov-4th

Dear Father I received your letter of the 26th Oct
on the day before the date of this and it was
thankfully received it being a sheet filled with
good advice mixed with sympathy in regard to
my bereavement and trouble I have recently been
called to pass through. I read the sheet over and over
again with a sense of satisfaction. You wished
me to say something in regard to my feelings
in the subject of Religion, that subject I
know so little about I hardly know what
to say, but this much I do believe I once
experienced and enjoyed it in a degree and ^{saw} far
since then & altho I have done wickedly and sinned
against God yet never to my recollection without
feelings of sorrow and a disposition to repent
of the same, yet there may be the sin of
omission I may be living in the daily commission of
still I do not feel like making an avowed and
open profession, I have no disposition to
indulge in gross wickedness as lying swearing
~~abath~~ breaking Sabbath or any of those
great sins still I am living in a sort of an
easy way in regard to the future having no
particular fears or suspense in regard to my
future destiny I intend to do right by dealing
justly loving mercy ~~and~~ walking uprightly
before my creator. I do not feel like saying
that there is any good in me. I consider I am
a poor unworthy undeserving creature and if finely
I am saved it will be through a merciful
redeemer.

I feel I ~~not~~^{with} so great loss in no one instance
could I have sustained a greater it causes me ~~many~~
a tear day sying, or even groans but what is
my loss I consider is gain to Mary Paine, I do not
I cannot wish her back again, for it would be
to suffer deprivation trials and disappointment
of which she is now for ever free.

it is not as though we were separated by the
hand of man or an Enemy it is by the providence
of an over ruling power I hope I may be resined ~~to~~
to his dealings with me.

My greatest desire to live now is to see that
Cecilia and Bob is properly brought up and
educated that is my greatest ambition or desire
Cecilia was up to see me last week I think she
is gaining in health tell Bob ~~I want to see him~~
I would have you say ~~it~~ something for me to Billy
but he has so tender feelings I think it not best to
mention my name I am getting my Health
quite good again I think I shall have no
more of the ague

please give my best respects
to all my Friends Sam'l Warren

P.S. Please write again

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