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My Ever Dear & Precious Wife - By the Lord's blessing I am safely here & in good health. Thanks, ten thousand thanks to Our Dear & most blessed Redeemer who watches over & preserves me. I reached Concord on Monday a little past sunset, where I passed the night, & took stage on Tuesday morn for Henniker, distant 15 miles. On reaching Henniker I found I must wait several hours for another stage, as the line which took me from Concord to Henniker did not go to Claremont. So I was left to inquire what the Lord would have me do while detained. From the piazza of the public house, I could see at a little distance a pleasant grove, & you ^{know} dear that ~~the~~ a grove is a sacred spot to me. I can't help believing that there will be much in heaven, i.e. in the Blessed Saviour's glorious new earth. I have always loved groves, ever since I used to take the arm of a sweet girl that I loved most tenderly, & lead her to one of those delightful spots, made ten thousand times more delightful to me, by the presence of one that could make any place on earth delightful to me. Well as I was saying, ever

since that time I have loved groves, & especially pine
groves. If my Dear Wife has any curiosity to know who
the sweet girl was of whom I have spoken, I will just
gratify her curiosity at present, by saying, that it
was the identical certain somebody who ~~xxx~~ ~~xxx~~
twined her affectionate arms around me, & gave me
a sweet ^{kiss}, as I left home the other day, & who is now
unspeakably more sweet to me, than she was
at sweet eighteen. O I thank the Lord that my
being became so mingled with that Dear One of
whom I am speaking, & that now in her
womanhood she still lives, by Gods kind preser-
-vation, the ~~dearest~~ ^{dearer} part of myself. With her
I hope, in the new earth wherein dwelleth righteous-
-ness to sit in the shade on the bank of the river.

"Sing Alleluia forever & ever.

But my Dearest Wife, I love the retired & pleasant
grove, more than all, because I have there often
met that Friend of friends, to whom we had not
given our hearts when we gave them to each
other, but who well deserves, & I trust now occupies
the first place in each, & will do so forever. Him let
us love & serve & follow, for He loves as no other friend
can love, & with all the fulness of the Godhead He loves
us & has given Himself for us. Let us do & suffer
& sacrifice all for Him for a little period, & then
His glorious & blissful dwelling place will be our
eternal abode. Well, at Henricke I bent my
steps to the grove which I had seen, & there I sought

the presence of Him who gave His life a ransom for
ours, & who is exalted on the throne of ^{our} hearts. Thanks
to His heart of infinite love, I did not seek in vain.
I had His presence, & most richly, gloriously, did I
enjoy it. He shed abroad His love in my heart by
the Holy Spirit, & when I commended to Him the
precious Wife of my bosom, & the dear little girl
to whom our mutual love has given existence
He gave me a full, & precious, & undoubting, & tri-
umphant assurance, that I should yet praise
His name forever at being permitted to meet you
all in that world where our business & bliss for eter-
nity, will be to celebrate the riches of His love &
faithfulness, & to serve & glorify Him as He well
deserves. & O I felt my dear, that I could no more
doubt that through the faithfulness of Christ we sho-
uld all meet in heaven, than I could doubt my
own existence. I pray that the Blessed Saviour will ena-
ble my precious Wife to get a firm hold of His etern-
al Faithfulness on this subject, & that in heaven she
may know the blessedness of having prevailed with God
through prayer & faith in Christ, for the salvation
of all her house. Grant this my dear. I am
still Thine. I left Hemiker at about 4 o'clock for
Clovermont - distance 35 miles, & arrived a little before
one ten. Thursday Morn - I found some of the brethren
yesterday morning, & proposed to them to have a prayer
~~meeting~~ meeting in the afternoon, ~~in the afternoon~~
previous to the evening lecture. We met at six
o'clock in the Methodist Chapel. A blessed season indeed.

I was never sensible of getting so firm a hold on God;
& we felt some of us at heart, that we did most assuredly
prevail with God for the conversion of sinners in this
place. This therefore is what I fully expect to see. -
Lectured in the evening to a good & attentive audience.
I am greatly encouraged that we shall see God here.

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Mass.



In coming from Henniker on Tuesday, my chest
was ~~lost~~ from the top of the stage, but I obtained
it yesterday uninjured. I will write again on Monday
the Lord willing. I expect now to leave for Manchester
on Tues. May the Blessed Lord watch around my beloved
ones & keep them from all evil. Your husband Charles Fitch.