

Levington. Jan. 4. 1849.

My meaning about "direct opposition"
was that when ~~any one~~ ^{people are} ~~is~~ conscious
of an indulged fault they are least
at ease with those who at other times
are their guides. Of course they feel
reproved by the memory of rules
broken and faults committed a-
head. On this general principle I
always feel that they who stand
before us as you do will be less
at ease with me than with an
indifferent person.

I think it will be well for you

to note down in express words
the literal cause of your vexation.
This is the way to see how trifling
& needless it is.

My being laid up here is like old
days - & this morning I thought of
most of the things you told me.

Don't go back to the old fan-
cies when you are left behind.

I fancy ^{myself} that you are yourself
with feelings of this kind be-
yond all need: & that a sensi-
tive man makes you especially
liable to feel them.

But all this will die out - not
this year perhaps, though be.

For the end of it you will have
made great steps.

When anything vexes you
try 1. To bear it patiently.

2. To accept it willingly.

3. To choose it as a help
to self mortification.

This will make bitter things
sweet, & turn necessities into
graces.

Mrs Leblanc is a widow -
one of Mrs Bennetts flock -
who seems able & willing
to join at Wantage. Mrs Ae.

land seems to throw her.
and I hope it may be found
all smooth. I have not heard
again.

Emily Prentiss has expressed
her wish to stay on - I hardly
like in so early an age to be
fixed too much. But her wish
is for life. Eliza Roberts seems
to have done her much good.

I cannot find the letter in
which these things were men-
tioned.

I have the same mis trust
of Eliza Todman. I don't see
that you can do any thing.

I should like to know what
Eliza Smith says about him.
Say last.

It will be best I think to
take the Creed & go over it-
fully, giving her texts out of
Scripture: making the Creed
the root of all.

Cred for Communion I think
once a month: always seeing
her in the week before:

Fix every 4th Sunday: so
as to be sure.

Poor child, if you can make
her feel the joy & blessedness

of a life of Faith: that Re-
ligion is not a school, a
road or a prison but hap-
piness and gladness of heart.
What a saddened, burdened,
life hers must be. I am
truly glad you have gotten
at your side to take care of.
I should think the Manual
of Devotion would suit her.
And now that I may not
forget it let me answer a
question in one of your former
letters. You need never again

not understood it all
I may be talking at
random.

You remember the legend
I told of St. John Columbiani
keeping his niece list'ning
ing all night, with the
lamp in her hand till
day light - streamed in.
He was talking of the
Love of God. Now I feel
that it is my lack of love
which makes you also

How backward. God
punish me for naming
myself next sentence after
such a man. So you
have with you. I wish
you much to consider this
the two great things, as
Hubert says, are Love
& Sin. Now on these
you & your Cousin can
have no variance, &
silence as you may see on

religious opinions, on these
there ought to be no
silence. Needyness, awkwardness,
wondering, reluctance &
latter on such things is
in one word want
of them in our hearts.
The more we feel them
the more they will
fill our thoughts & hearts.
God hasten the day
when you & she may

speaking them two depths
"as common things". When
you will see her embracing
what now she does not
understand, & fear to
burst.

May God pour this
into all our hearts. into
mine first as needing it
most. In His love,
Yours ever.

Wm.