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My precious wife

While seated with Charles & Hannah at the dinner table your most cheerful and cheering letter of yesterday was handed to me, and caused my heart to overflow with thankfulness. I have been, I fear, very rebellious; and though I have been praying to be guided, have always thought that, some how, I should be led away from this position: and now the ways seem so decidedly to be shut; and my duty to fix me here, for the present at least, that I have been, I fear, wanting in faith. Your strong, clear words have refreshed me. I will endeavor, not to be submissive only, but, cheerfully to do what I am appointed to perform. If God permits not a sparrow to fall without his notice, surely