

Thy letter of 20 inst. I have just rece^d, & feel a deep sense of
 gratitude for thy kindness in answering ~~mine~~ of my last to thee. I had made
 arrangements for my departure for Woodbourne early to-morrow morning,
 but I shall postpone my return ^{within} in order to see thee before I go. I should
 come to see thee immediately, were it not that ~~I shall have to undertake~~
~~such~~ my plans require some change. I should have left this
 vicinity with much regret, without having had another private interview
 with thee, and cannot now think of doing so, without trying to do
 everything in my power to remove unpleasant feelings, & substitute those of a
 better kind in their place. I shall make thee a full & renewed avowal of
 my sentiments & feelings to, and in regard to, thee, and shall acknowledge my past
 errors. for such indeed they would seem to be, when viewed in the abstract. I must
 confess, that perhaps ^{the acknowledgement} it will not seem as an extenuation, that as remarked
 by thee, I am inexperienced with regard to that part of human nature,
 comprehended ⁱⁿ by the female character. I shall repose entire confidence
 in the safety with which I may communicate with thee, and will thee not
 Dear Susan my endeared friend to the same in regard to me. Let us consider that the
 heart ^{of each} is to be a safe depository of the thoughts & feelings of
 the other. do, Susan, let me see thee look cheerfully. it wounds me
 deeply to see thee otherwise. may we realize the truth of the last
 but not the first two lines of the following stanza:

The greatest joys those seldom prove,
Who free from quarrels live,
O! tis the sweetest part of love,
Each other to forgive.

Let us cast the veil of oblivion over everything ^{that has taken place} of an unpleasant nature
between ^{us} & begin anew, or rather continue as it were our acquaintance from
its most auspicious & happy era. — Believe me to be faithful & true, and
as heretofore, thy affection,

Subscribed,

W. D. C.

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