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My Dr. Brother,

"You have not injured me at all! You have not in any way given me any cause whatever to think hardly of you, and especially to cease writing."

But I have a host of matters which press upon me, and diminish my opportunity of writing to my friends.

I am glad you have written.

It is refreshing to me to hear from my friends, whether I can reply or not. The principle thing resting on my mind at present is my own spiritual feebleness, and lack of earnest, vigorous, resolute, constant decision in God's work. I do hope I shall awake up thoroughly.

Oh! it is so easy to get light, and to talk a great deal about it, when the whole while one is doing very little actual damage to the devil's empire. I feel that deep, serious earnestness is above all things comely and becoming in a Christian. Lord! revivify my poor soul!

I still feel that money has no charms for me. I am much without it now, and have still clearer prospects of getting it, but I am seeking to be about half my time at liberty, and I have reason to believe that shortly I shall get a good deal of leisure for God. I have not preached much lately, but have a good many

invitations. I am desirous to get among  
the sinners of Leeds more, than I have  
done. -

Dr Bro. do you not mark  
the development of the portentous  
occurrences of the age. The time is  
solemn beyond conception, as it  
appears to me. The gospel has been  
slighted; and its bright, unearthly  
light is being lost among the smoke  
of the cotton-leaf pit. The coalition  
of our government with the Papal party  
in Ireland is a most striking sign, of  
what is going on. There is another sign  
of something else - the Emperor of Russia  
has made his Jewish Soldiers swear,  
that in case their Russian should come,  
they will still hold allegiance to him.  
that is to the Emperor.

What then are we ~~to~~ do? My  
Dr Bro. to yield up our whole souls to God,  
and getting all our energies con-  
fided to him - to spend them in leading  
souls to heaven. Lord help us! Lord  
help me. My Dr Bro. let us begin fresh  
and talk of all our Heavenly Father's  
wondrous love, and holiness and  
power to all around us. Low

em! In our judgment  
principles which should

appointed. It is very important to give us this  
information. I remember being  
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the seed. Love the seed. But having  
much to do, I am compelled to close.  
Write to me soon, immediately if  
your heart incline you, and believe  
me, Dr. Bro. Yours Affectionately, as ever,  
A. S. Smith.

A. S. Can you not come over to  
Leeds for a few days, and see me?  
I should very much like it.  
I can accommodate you well.  
And is your vacant time. What  
say you, Dr. Bro? By what you  
can do? Write me word.