

Do not give your heart up entirely to  
to money that is something else to live for.  
you have done this you should not  
of how far you are. Let me hear from  
also ready to send you all the only work  
over, particularly as he has one of his  
with the great disadvantage of getting  
let the money you find. I think I

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My dear nephew

Your letter came today  
which should have reached me yester-  
day. I hope my reply will reach you  
in time to prevent your withdrawal  
from a correspondence which has been  
kept up so long. I do not think you  
take the right view of matters, and  
to convince you that I am right, and  
also for your gratification, let me let  
you that the individual in question  
read my last letter to you before I  
sent it, and made no objections to  
it whatever. I did it on purpose.

to see if she would be object to any  
thing I wrote; and the only thing she  
said against it, was why I told you  
she would give you her picture. Now  
if she had made the least objection to  
any sentiment or opinion I advanced  
I should not have sent it; and told  
her so at the time. If I had not  
been in such haste to get it to the  
train, I should have written on it,  
endorsed by C. I am very sorry now that  
I did not do it, as it might have had  
some weight in making your decision.  
I am very well convinced that she did  
not intend you to construe her letter  
as a refusal of your hand; by no  
means. On the contrary, she told me she  
could not discard you, although at  
the same time, she could <sup>not</sup> make up  
her mind to marry, and also that you  
are the only one she had ever seen, that  
she would marry, provided she could

ever obtain her own consent to the  
bonds of matrimony. Again, I think  
you will render her very unhappy, as  
well as yourself by the course you  
say you have almost determined to  
pursue. She is unhappy about you as  
it is, and knows that you deserve the  
love of the noblest and the best. If  
she does not love you, I don't think she  
will ever love any body else. She thinks  
you are too good for her, and says she  
can't see why you ever fell in love  
with her at all as she is, being the  
very opposite of you, in every respect.  
She talks to me very freely on the sub-  
ject; says she loves you, but whether  
it is the kind of affection she should  
have towards one with whom she is willing  
to link her destiny, she is not fully  
determined in her own mind. But when  
she does awake up her mind to accept  
the hand of any one in marriage, nothing

~~was~~ could intervene but "Providence"  
I would not have you otherwise  
than found in the sense that you  
take it; yet at the same time I do  
not think it at all derogatory to your  
dignity to wait patiently the decision  
of one whom you profess to love so  
devotedly. She is very anxious indeed you  
should come up, and as her I wish  
it was so you could. It will be a  
very great disappointment to me for  
you & I to close your correspondence  
without the happy consummation I,  
so fondly anticipated for so long a time.  
Of course I shall leave it all to your  
own judgement - which I'm no doubt  
will direct you properly. Charlie  
has been very sick indeed, but is  
something better. We despaired of his life  
at one time, but by the blessing of God  
he is yet spared, and we have great  
hopes of his recovery. We shall be delight-