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Brother Caughright: I have you very kind and Christian letter of the 7th relative to wife Wales &c  
Will read the long letter you dictated, and he copies, to me. From my heart I pitied the boy, and so did my good wife. I am now happy again, I feel more interest in you than in any other man

1. Because I know your worth when the Lord is with you and as a brother, and
2. Because I have reprobated allured you, and if you go to destruction, where many, to say the least, are willing you should go, I should ~~never~~ feel that I had taken a part in your destruction.
3. Because if you do come out all right some may give me credit for being on the right side once in my life.

Brother Caughright, you are right in doing all you can to help me and others. I see my errors more and more, and shall do all I can to help masters and things. The pressure has been terribly hard upon my poor wife. She has been impressed very much by Elders

Buller and Haskell. And my mistakes has given intensity to the matter. When poor Wales, close in all the property of Battle Creek going, and mean prej dice against both myself and me, read his own son's letters to his wife before H. W. Kellogg, wife and me, I affirmed before them all that I would not believe a word of it only from your lips. Wife affirmed the opposite, which I will not write. Kellogg said he feared it might be so. Wales affirmed that his Will was a truthful boy, now judge my feelings as Will read your letter <sup>me,</sup> to both me and my wife.

Ellen is as much relieved by the letter as I am. She paged almost all night last night. Poor woman! What you say of my changes &c. I have nothing to say. You know that I have changed in some things because it seemed necessary. I have changed sometimes to meet my wife's feelings. This was the case when I gave up labor in New England, and when I went to western camp meetings. I do not see how my man can labor with me while such influences are brought to bear upon us. You know what I met at Spring Arbor. These masters I have met on my hand have been enough to craze a common man. Forgive my mistakes, and believe me when I say every part of your <sup>long</sup> letter seems just and right.

The last Review shows that Buller and Haskell are coming around. I, of course, would feel better if they had done this last winter. But you know how cold

men are to have others meddle with anything they have got patented. If changes are to be made they must do it themselves. In my editorial I tried to keep the matter open fully but carefully. Why must General Conference all these things will be thrown open for full discussion. If such a course proves ~~now~~ as it has no lost time experiences, this ~~ever~~ man will extirpate the fact to the consumer. Not they ~~do~~ ~~not~~ have designed to shut the matter up and rush it through.

You will see that I not only agree to help the brother in reference to the tract society, but I labored to break down the effect of Buller and Haskell's rushing ~~into~~ <sup>to themselves</sup> through, and if afford buying the martyr, professing to be grieved in trying to raise sympathy and malignice against those who might suggest that their measures were not all ~~right~~. Get out, said Gerrit Smith, Get away I say from this selfish, childish spirit. I recommend that we be men. The boy that don't want his pockets searched is the very one that is supposed to steal that jews' ~~gold~~ <sup>gold</sup> I do not see why we cannot afford to discuss in a Christian manner every important subject and policy that may be introduced, into our General Conference.

I wish you could go to Madison Wis., in ~~now~~ now with a test. The people were favorably impressed with Wm's temperance discourse in the Congregational Church. I think of mentioning perfectly them. We will go if you will, and will hold ourselves in ~~expect~~ to

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to your order. If you do not we shall go to Colorado or  
Main soon

Our mother is Christian wife  
and brother live, in and for Elder D. M. Cowright and  
Sister Lucy his wife

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