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Poor Helen
my expectables for
are stored up
all time.

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My dear Brother, (and recd). Don't know just now what I want. God thwarts my plans so I scarce dare plan anything. My plan was to get my little Soc'y a library. The man spoke - not fellow is moved away. the lady at the head of it. I had invitation in Hall to field I thought would just suit enabling me to do something in the cause of missions. A University Centre, 600 students. I was to start to visit Ch. Child took Scarlet I delayed. Then went. took Grippe as soon as I arrived. fought it on & was in the midst of good meeting first week. Ch. Child laid down dangerously ill of Quinsie fever. Left under telegram 6 a.m. back the sat. after I left & a rising vote unanimous to return, though 75° was cost to them of my former visit, & finish meeting. I told them when I left God had heard me & my boy would be out of danger when I arrived in Ky. & so he was but I had been called back. And providences still prevent my returning. I am thus detained in this little we have town, as Moses was 40 years

Keeping sheep. But God knows best & I say
"Thy will be done". Now when my whole soul is in
the "vasty deep" of perishing nations & I am held
back from any active part you see "the Mill.
Agony" is not on me. I am prolem, discouraged
as to my part or lot in the matter. I sold a Flu. lot.
& sent on first payment as thank offering to support
one of the 13 waiting to be sent. Yet after 6 months my
money lies unused in the Self's hand & others
have sent out their men. The one I offered bands
did not go. I have almost decided to tell him
to use it to support a Cuban work God has raised
up & thrust on our church. All the plans for
work I had have been so thwarted I am discour-
aged about studying or preparing for missions
though I would love above all else to stir our ch.
& I see the need, & my view is heartily endorsed by
missionaries in the field & by our Sees. I only
await God's sanction & in meantime was studying the
subject trying to qualify myself to do a needed work
no one in our ch. is doing. Think - our Synod pays
1800. to a Seez to run Ky. Evangelistic work when
we already have a Gen. Seez for the entire ch.
And we give \$20000 for Evang. work in this old state
& some 6 or 8000 for outside Evang. Service & only about
8000⁰⁰ for all the world besides! And no man in

The synod to stir the subject while
the home work has a large Com. of
our most influential D.D's & Capitalist
& a Salaried Secy. I have hoped God
will yet enable me to go under Synodical
Sanction, at my own expense, with what he
may give me, with no salary pledged, & do this
needed work. For 8 months I did in Ga. & Fla. & re-
ceived 140 into the Meth. Bap. & Pres. Churches &
raised 1300⁰⁰ to support a Missionary over
& above the usual Contribution of that Synod.
It was only giving 1065⁰⁰ & in 2 years it gave
3100⁰⁰! I think my work tended to the increase.
But sickness of my dear wife & since my two little
orphans, of whom I have had sole charge
most of the time for 18-20 months has shut me
up here. But God is good, for they are said by
all to be two good children & give so much less
trouble than I could expect. Have been ex-
pecting a governess since Sept. But God's
providence (death & sickness in her family & my
uncertainty about going to Mo.) has kept her
back up to this time. So far will explain why
I am not "rushing the Union" just now. I will try as
soon as I settle down - been writing & topics come,

For 3 weeks now am I moved ~~various~~^{by my own} ways
house & all alone - I have all but the heart ~~wishes~~^{to}
do myself) to study over your cause.

My views. But I think we lay far too little stress
on how we returned missionaries, friends &
should arouse Zion. That is the want of our day.
Men & Money. What new plans can be
adopted. 100 yrs & only 7000 sent out from
Xth. Surely a comparative failure somewhere.
This is not - that is. Some plan to arouse God's
fellow ~~men~~ ^{men} to God's command? St. C. Dubois
Country of our Ch. Author of the Encyclo. ~~the~~
---- Res A Sydenstricker of Runcester
also here - a good missionary. We
have a good missionary from Mexico & some
leading pastors of strong churches to help
kindle the fire we kindle. It burns bright but does not
spread as it should from our little ~~camp~~^{camp} fire - Try to spread it. Have a
less missionary if need be - ~~entertain~~^{How can we entertain} ~~pastors~~^{Pastors} ~~nobody will do that~~
pastors. What is going on at Cleveland & N.Y.
seen no notice of it. Might come if it will just fit
much expenditure of funds means - Command me
at any time. Your brother fellow servant in the
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