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My Darling Joe: - It is
with a trembling hand that I
take up the pen. I surely feel
my weakness as I have not
for some time but I believe
that God will help me in
all I have to say. Whatever I
may say in regard to our
life work will be, as far as
I know, just what God would
have me say. I would rather
not say it, but ^{if} it must

he said I presume I may
as well pen it tonight.

When I was but a little girl
I began to wonder what I should
do in this world, I wondered
why God had afflicted me and
blessed others with perfect health.
But I soon solved this part
of the problem, for I truly believe
that God has brought good out
of such an affliction, and that
I am much nearer God than
I might have been otherwise.

When I was about fourteen yrs.
old and was suffering greatly
from my eyes, I one day found
myself weeping over my life
work, for I thought I would lose

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my sight, and then what could
I do. Something seemed to say
to me "you can be a missionary."
I do not know I expected that
plan to be carried out, but the
thought comforted me.

As my eyes recovered the thought
somewhat left me and for
years I would only think of it
occasionally. For the last two
years that thought has grown
deeper and deeper, until it
has become a daily meditation.
God has never said to me ^{audibly}
"Go to the foreign field and

win souls for Christ" as he did
to one of the volunteers here.
But according to my feelings
of late I think God wants me
there. I feel that it would be
the highest ambition of my
life to do this, and I have
thought how very much easier
and pleasanter it would be
to go with you. But I promised
God that if he would make
the work plain to me I would
go any place and if necessary
alone. I have not felt that
God was displeased with our
plan (as I fear you have thought)
but I just felt that I must
do his will.

It may not be his will for me to do this but that is the way I see it now.

I have not said a word to my folks concerning such work for I felt that I wanted to know God's will first - but I think they are aware of it.

I think as many as twenty persons have asked me if I expected to be a missionary and yet I had never talked with half a dozen persons on the subject. Why did they know my thoughts?

Possibly I manifested it but
that was not my intention.
All these things came ^{so}
forcibly ^{as} if they had been sent
directly to me.

Although bound together as
we are, we are still two
distinct beings and one
soul cannot do the work
of another. If you are called
to work at home and I continue
to be called to the foreign field
I think it must necessarily
make a change in our
plans, for I do not think
we should join ourselves to
one who is not alike
interested in such a line

of work and as truly called
to that work, and I am anxious
to go.

As I sit here alone with
God at the hour of 10 P.M.
I almost wish I could look
over your shoulder and see
what awaits me. But God
is looking over both shoulders
and sees every thought and word.
I think we can surely trust
in Him to lead us forth
into the unknown future
which just now seems so
misty.

"O Father take us and use
to thy name's honor and glory"

"I'll go where you want me to go
dear Lord,

Over mountain and vale and sea.

I'll say what you want me to
say dear Lord

I'll be what you'd like me to be.
I could not say where the Master
wants me to go. I have had
my mind on Africa all
the time but - perhaps that
is because we have more
missionaries there and I have
heard more about it. It does
not matter to me where - that
is with God.

And now I have described
 my position as best I could.
 And as I would not feel free
 to do with any other.

I trust that I have said
 all for God's glory and
 that we may find that He
 has been leading us in the
 same path with only Him
 between us.

I only attended four services
 today and this afternoon read

"Murdered Millions" It surely
 ought to arouse every spark
 of sympathy for humanity.

I am looking forward to
our visit with great
pleasure. I told D. J. that
it was about time for
him to practice filling plates
so we had him at it today.

I listened to two good sermons
by senator Fairbairn today.

Hoping to see you
soon I am still
Your loving Brother.

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