

114, Clapton Common,
London E.

Jan 30.81
Sunday

My dear friend,

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Yes if the branch bear no fruit, the Lord will take it away and it will be a branch no more. That is clear. There should be fruit unto holiness (Romans 6:22) and fruit in the work of the Lord. He must have both. If there be the former there will surely be much of the latter – if little of the former, there will be little of the latter – perhaps not any. That is bad. It is a great snare to many in every land. Jesus said so. “Many will say unto me Lord, Lord.” Religion is love. And love cannot be still. It must flow out. It must do something. It must work. It is strong against all enemies. “It is strong as death.” If there be no work – no flowing out there is no love – and if no love no real religion – but only form and outside appearance. Mrs Billups is now in our house, staying a little while. She will write you. If I come to Sweden perhaps she will also. But it is all very uncertain. You will see from the enclosed circular that we are now extending to France. Surely Sweden ought to be next. You must still pray.

With regard to your business, I do not know how to advise you. Can you not do without selling the books about which you have any doubt? Ask wisdom of the Lord, and He will certainly give it. He has promised this. I will still pray for you.

You are clearly called to live by Faith. Can you abandon feeling and follow on a dark road need be? Jesus knows well your soul’s need – what medicine to give. What chastisement. What comfort. – He knows your whole being and He doeth all things well. Lean hard then on Him.

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