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Dear Mr Smith,

I thank you heartily for your kind letter. I am very glad you liked my story, and thank you for getting me more for it than I owe you, so that you will be no loser, while I am a gainer, except in the interest of your loan. This is a very confused sentence, but you will understand it.

I send you in a registered packet the corrected proofs of the story. It will be too late for the commencement, but not for the whole issue. I should be greatly obliged to you if you could secure the printing of the volume from the proofs I now send you, instead

of from the issue in the Christian
Union, whose earlier portions
will be less correct, not to mention
the possibility of misprinting
being enlarged. It pains me
far more than not being paid
for my work, that so much
has been issued in America
without my changes and
enlargements, or what is
worse still, my curtailment
for the book form.

I daresay it was wise of you
to let the other party have
their chance first, Perhaps
by the time you are ready to

make your experiments, I
shall be able to provide
you with a new subject.
Please give my love to
W^m Smith. I am grateful
for her most kind message.

Believe me yours most
truly & gratefully,

George MacDonald.