

For my own part, I cannot and I will not stand it
any longer - I have no peace in my life. I am not
an unselfish person - nor on evangelical one. ~~any~~ ^{with a few}
I have no particular pleasure in doing good, and I don't
dislike doing it so much as to be expected to be rewarded
for it ^{in another world} ~~after I die~~ - but I simply ~~cannot~~ ^{cannot}
~~for my life~~ cannot paint, nor read, nor look at
miscellaneous nor do anything else that I like - and the
very ~~best~~ ^{light of my eyes} thing has become hateful to me, because
of the misery that I know of, and that I see signs
of where I do not know it. not.

~~For which reason~~
And therefore, as I say, I will not stand it
any longer. but will nevertheless henceforward do my pos-
sible best, with any body else whom I can get to help me
- to ^{abate} ~~and~~ this misery ^{as} I can.

And in order that I ^{may} do my best, I positively will not
be miserable myself any longer, if I can help it.
- for no man who is watched, and doubtful in his
in his own heart - and doubtful in his own work -
can help other people rightly.

Now my own special ^{pleasure has} work has also been lately ^{connected} with an
my special duty; I care more for good pictures, ^{& music} than
for anything else, ~~in the world~~ and I have been ordered
to lecture on them, ~~to and~~ to endeavour to reach an
English youth, to care for them also. And I mean to
set my main strength on this business. and that I may
do so with a free heart, I must first quit myself
from all responsibility for the distress round me.
I dislike helping to pick ^{wounded} people out of ditches - and I equally
dislike leaving of their throats each other for nothing, and
lying ^{in the} ~~in the~~ ^{ditches} ~~in the~~ ^{ports}
I don't want to have ~~any~~ ^{any} ~~one~~ ^{one} reading begging letters, for they
and I especially will not give away any money any more
to people in distress. the beggars ^{for that money} ~~for that money~~ ^{is still more}.
I want to buy pictures with it, for Oxford and other places.
and to ~~do~~