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Description: Letter from Margaret E. Neal

[?]W you in a short notice by Mr Ingram in the Lincoln [?]

Thank you Sincerely for your most kind letter
My dear Mrs Smith – Altho' it is a great disappointment to me that you cannot find the letters you thought you could lay your hand on - I am very glad to have this you so kindly enclosed to me – Must I give up all hope of the others

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You had known him so many years that I had [?] for a large number for I knew you were among his regular correspondents – I Should say I Suppose regular at intervals – I do not wonder he was astonished at the idea of his being an unfriendly feeling toward you — for I knew nothing was further from his heart — Thank you too for all you say of my beloved Father — You, I think, had a [?] [?] conception of

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friend
any other woman ^ — I find
myself actually feeling as a
dreary amusement over the
strange misconceptions of
his character — & taking
into consideration how
straightforward a person he
was — how simple — [?]
& transparent — it seems
singular that he has been
so generally misunderstood

Since few people do justice to the intellectual side — which is his usual characteristics

or only half understood

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and there are a great many who feel & acknowledge his personal imagination — his loving tender heart & his entire freedom from selfishness in Every form — I think Every one who Knew concedes the last — I send you an article written by a Mr. Stone whom you may remember as a boy he has always had a great admiration for my Father & the whole tone of it. I like [?] much – [?] there is one singular misuse of the word "Steadiness" - I think he means <u>concentration</u> – for no one

With Even a Casual acquaintance could think he lacked <u>steadi</u> ness —

I have found & read your article on My Father — & I [?] find allusion In the [?] discussion in New [?] on Woman's Rights = He was very much pleased with the article & particularly grateful at my Aunt's name being so connected with his. for, as you say there, you knew how dear she was to him.

With all my heart I thank you for your account of your meeting at Niagara. I think it must have been in 1852 —

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I think perhaps that might have been your first perception strong of the singularly ^ religious feelings which always characterized him — many people might take excep= tion to this last instance – but I fully mean it — My Father's religious life was not limited to that portion of it when he was a <u>professor</u> of religion – It had been [?] for many years before (to a certain extent) – for he was always filled with gratitude to His Father for all his tender mercies -- & no matter what hard trials came — He always said "it is for the best" — & what is better he felt it.

Your affectionate interest in

in him – Your tender memorial lead me on to talk of him till I feel you [?] a weary
Let me again thank you for giving me the time which is
So important to a woman occupying your position – feeling that every half hour is of [?] importance to herself & others
— Pray do not think me dis=
=courteous or negligent in not
[?] answering your

=courteous or negligent in not
[?] answering your
most kind letter – but I
could not write hurriedly
& I have to little time to
myself that it is sometimes
very difficult to write [?]
If you can think of any one

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who would be likely to have kept my Father's letters & who would let me have them & at the same time If nothing of my [?] – I should be so much obliged – if you would let me know — I know it is a good deal to ask of a busy woman – & yet you have shown so much friendly kindness to me that I do not hesitate to ask you.

I think you would be straight[?] with my brother about [?] to his father.

I do Tet That dear James an asenther him at all but sentents Oloming head are my Much litter her-Aute lamet thanks for four Toland his alacher by hother thist hauly this their the mespelipelle /20 Martaul & Ment 175 State theil Sun 8- 15/6. May Jaish for These Cordially a Happy hur face a fun found complaint

I do not think dear James ever resembled him at all but Pierpont's coloring & head are very much like his —

With warmest thanks for your interest in which My Mother most warmly joins — [?] me

Most gratefully yrs

Margaret E. Neal

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May I wish you most cordially a Happy New Year happy in [?] sense – not [?] a mere formal. compliment