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eager desire to press forward in the Christian course, though beset with a thousand ~~of~~ obstacles in the way.

Tuesday July 21. O how is my mind disquieted! This is an unnatural state. I feel no rest because I don't seem to be fixed in a usefull situation. Nay, as long as this restlessness does not finish, as long as I do not entirely acquiesce in the will of my God, I dare not determine for Missionary. Sometimes I get lulled in a slothfull slumber, warped by exterior chances. Then I felicitate myself, but this is rather wrong, for my right state can only be a consciousness of my wickedness and an incessant supplication to be freed from it. Yes! I feel strength enough to ~~complicate~~ ^{complicate} him to lead me unto that spot of the earth where I might do most good. Before all, I mind me on my guard not to approve of those middling states of mind, where the world unites with Christ. O how easily may we lose of sight the real aim of a child of God and fancy some other one agreeing with our lusts. Will my hasty fiery temper never be brought down to the meanness of Spangenberg? - Yes my eyes are filled with tears if I remind my ingratitude, my little ordour, my backwardness in all in love, in humility, in moderation. My God, my God, ~~My God~~ I'm crying now from the inmost of my heart: Is it better for me to remain where I am or to descend to the Miss. task, & had me do my duty, lead me through ways whatever so exalted needs to be. It is through much tribulation we must enter the Kingdom of heaven.