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must be exercised, therefore I am hoping. I can not deny it would terribly pain me if none came; the other semester I had even an idea of such disappointment, but not this semester. I infinitely beseech my Lord, I have tried self-denial throughout these latter days, ~~but I have~~ I hope he will hear his child. Not for me. No! Indeed not for me, but for his sake.

Miss 24 Oct. I had just a conversation with Alb. I said: For there is certainly an essential difference between Lord preserve me from doing this sin, and: No I will not do this sin again. I said so, but I was aware withal, that I have not, some time ago, duly adverted to that essential difference. Some time ago I checked only my bad habits by the representation of the unworthiness, by the idea what others would think of me if they knew me doing such things. But what commendable snafu for Christian virtue is such a one. Lord I the due childlike ness, my only cry would be. Lord thou knowest me, be gracious towards me. My faults are so manifold. Oh had I continued in the same fervency which animated me in the first means of my conversion, I would undoubtedly be a great deal farther advanced in the way of God. If I was assisted by the holy Spirit of God to prevail upon so strong passions as I was governed by at that time, how easily would I succeed now in overcoming those slighter bad inclinations, that are disagreeable to a Christian. Egoism and love of enjoyment do again pretend their sway over me. I do not observe these 2 main precepts: Alas I will do. Follow immediately without hesitation, for if thou dost reflect and pause, ill inclination will soon dazzle reasoning & corrupt it.