

SUMMIT,
NEW JERSEY.

is strengthened in his hopes that
some day he will touch the goal.
You know how often I have told you
that nobody ever had greater help
than I, and if any of the things you
write are true now you must pass
the credit on to kind Mr. Brewster,
what a sense of immortality friendship
brings in the uncertainty and pain of
growth, and how clearly it prophesies
Hudson! My love to you and sweet
nooks in the tides of change.

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Yours gratefully,
Narcissus W. Weeks

Very dear Mrs. North:

Your letter was my best birthday
gift. It touched me to the heart
and it warmed the day for me.
What you said was incredible to
me, but it was a great comfort
to know that you believed it.
And then Mrs. Mober said
it was true - which was still

more unbelievable and also very
comforting. It makes life worth
living to have the confidence of
two such women; but you are
both bettering what I would like
to be in place of what I am.
I suppose that is the way in
which women of larger hearts
and clear minds help men
on and up; the way in

which they become a visible Providence
to the men they help and make
it easy to believe in the divine
order of the world. One cannot
never know himself too well
to believe that any thing better
can be said of him than that
he is on the way to the best
things; and ^{when} a woman treats
him as if he had arrived he