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My Dear Wife

Your of yesterday was received this afternoon with great thankfulness. The Sun visited you twenty four hours before he smiled on us here: Every place is wet & muddy still. and there is some doubt about the permanency of the clearing up. The dear children and grand children are all well and happy. Israel returned yesterday and is in good spirits. though Mr Helme is quite down about it. They manufacture a good article and can produce any quantity. but the value of the article has so increased by the bad weather (money)

You will see by the undeniable character of the last few words that my old enemy caught me - and finding I should waste my

may probably never see it.

Dear little Lyson evidently remembers his visits here of old and asked me yesterday "when those other people would go away that he might come round & see me at my house". I have not now any desire for our over sales to assume the responsibility & anxiety of such an establishment. Neither do I think there is any prospect of my practice ever reaching a point which will satisfy it though I believe it will make as easy under our present arrangement. We are only pilgrims at the best. toward another land. and my mind has been much occupied during the night & this morning with the text.