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Little Eaton Derby
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My dear Friend

My foreign paper is blue, & I doubt whether you would be able to read my scribble on such paper. We were both highly gratified by your letter & deeply interested in its contents. We truly sympathize with you & Mrs Morris in regard to the critical state of your daughter in Law. On the morning you left us, you had scarcely got out of sight when my son Edward said he had met a very interesting American at Lugano in Switzerland whose young wife was in delicate health. They were coming to my Yard to meet some friends with whom they expected to return to America. He did not know their name but we thought they were probably your son & his wife. If it had been mentioned when you were with us, we should easily have identified them. Pray ask them if they were at Lugano & whether they remember any one like my son who breakfasted with you. I must also beg the favour of a few lines to say whether she gains strength. Do not tax yourself to write a long letter. We shall be delighted to

Mrs Garland has just come in, & begs to be remembered to you & Mrs Morris.

I hope Mrs Morris bears up under her trials and that the benefit of her late tour will be lasting. She won all our hearts during her few hours at Little Eaton. May our heavenly Father guide & comfort you in all yr trials! I am thankful to be able to report well of my dear Wife. We cherish the remembrance of our breaking of bread in an upper room. Where shall we next communicate? Shall we not eat & drink with it in his Kingdom? Thanks to the grace & power of God, our 30 children & grand children are well & promising. At Christmas, if Mr Latham continues as well as at present, we hope to see a succession of them - a few at a time, & a few days each. Since we saw you, I have resigned my Canonry at Lichfield. A recent Act of Parliament enabled me to do this. My age & my invalid wife furnished sufficient reason & the Bishop has very kindly made public mention of my past services - It is a great comfort to my wife & will I hope be a benefit to my parish. And now my dear Friends, I must conclude. Separated as we now are we are travelling to the same point - where we shall meet? When? Very soon. Mr Latham joins me in Christian love to you & Mrs Morris - & believe me, ever yr affect Friend

J Latham