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hear from you however brief. I should have written before in acknowledgment of your much valued letter, but you mention having sent me a little book which I have been waiting & longing to see, but it has not turned up. I fear it has miscarried & that we shall not receive it.

The account of your nephew is very interesting & affecting. I must hope that he will recover. What a comfort it is to feel that we, & all belonging to us, are in the hands of an all-wise & gracious God. Who knows what is best & will do what is best. I was remarking to my wife this morning - how sad wo'd be our present condition with 30 children & grandchildren - if their well doing depended upon us! How should we worry & vex ourselves about the possible dangers & difficulties which lie in their way. But all for our good shepherd - with God for our friends, we may commit them all to His keeping & He alone by his providence & grace can conduct them safely over the waves of this troublesome world to the haven of everlasting rest & peace. Please to tell us know about your nephew -

The horse disease in America & the Cattle disease in England seem to be abating - Worldly prosperity & human pride have driven multitudes mad, & God the Almighty has given them warning; but alas! "Lord when thy hand is lifted up, they will not see; but they shall see & be ashamed." I have had a lecture sent me delivered in London by a Hindoo - full of horrid blasphemies, but so spiced with learning & science - falsely so called - that it is listened to by our English Rationalists & published for English readers - Reason & science are set in opposition to God & his Truth, & this is spreading far & wide - shewing that the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit for they are foolishness unto him neither can he know them." When the Son of Man cometh shall he find faith on the earth? May we & all belonging to us be careful to follow St Paul's advice to Timothy: "O Timothy keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane & vain babblings & oppositions of science, falsely so called!" We must note the signs of the times. I believe the fulfilment of the Church's hope is drawing near, when Christ shall come & bring order out of chaos.