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Little Eaton, Derby
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My very dear Friend

I am truly grieved to find that your kind & welcome letter of Septr 30th has remained so long unanswered. I was indeed pained to read in the newspapers the accounts of your money panic, but not much surprised. Such things, alas! are too frequent to startle quiet lookers on. So long as the human heart remains what it is — that is, so long as the present dispensation lasts — so long selfishness worldiness & fraud will abound. There is no class of human beings, civil or religious — among which there will not be found a Judas. A long life of observation makes me try to expect falsehood and fraud, and to rejoice & praise God for His power & grace when I discover in any one the fruits of the Spirit. Here indeed is a marvel

collecting & arranging their forces for Coup d'état to seat the Count unconditionally on the throne. This is thought by Christian observers will be a peaceful, but the final struggle. Then may be believers "lift up his head for his redemption draweth nigh." The mystery of iniquity will come to an end — whom the Lord will consume by the brightness of His coming.

I do not forget the words of the Saviour "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons which the Father hath put in his own power." But He has given us many signs of the approach of that great epoch of the world's history. And Woe to us, if we know not the signs of the times. None the wicked (says Daniel) shall understand, but the wise shall understand." I will send you a copy of two sermons by Rev E. B. Elliott, on the Signs of the Times.