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I am deeply interested in all you say about Ecclesiastical matters in America. The subject is so wide & important I dare not enter into it. How delighted I sh^d be to talk with you on these points. In America as in England all mere human schemes seem to be tumbling to pieces. The Children of God seem to be driven to the written word. "If they speak not according to that word it is because there is no light in them." The factions & disorderly on the one side & the Hierarchs on the other are both pulling down what they profess to be building up; but they are all working the purposes of God. We need not pronounce them good men or bad. Judas & Pilate were both made to work out God's gracious purposes, & do I doubt not the conflicting powers of the present day good & bad, are working his purposes. But I must stop. Pray my dear Friend, do not make my petty sheets a measure of your letters. I am deeply interested in the condition of the Catholic Church in America — i.e. All who love the Lord Jesus Christ sincerely

& with our best love to dear Mrs Morris & yourself believe me
Ever yr sincere Friend
J Latham

Little Eaton Derby
March 6/74

My very dear Friend

I am grieved to find that your last letter — dated Dec. 3rd — has remained so long without acknowledgment. Pray do not attribute the brevity & infrequency of my correspondence to a lack of interest in your letters or of value for your friendship. I dare say I have already told you that my head & eyes make it necessary to abridge my correspondence as much as I can. One evil of my delay is a fear lest, as you move about so, I may not have the right direction. Your last letter is dated Baltimore. Do you mean me always to address according to date? I sh^d be glad to