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My very dear Friend

So I must ever regard you notwithstanding my paltry replies to your valuable letters. When I read your last epistle to Mr L I little thought that I should let so many weeks & months pass without an acknowledgement. But I must draw upon your Christian charity to pardon this seeming negligence. I think I told you before that I am required to abridge my correspondence, & yet, with my 35 children & grand chn I have many letters to write. I am thankful to say, my sight is not worse. For some months

I dare not enter upon any of the numerous topics of interest specified in your last letter. Our lot is indeed cast in perilous times. Yet in times of interesting development. The times of the gentiles are very fulfilled, and the manifestation of Saviour's kingdom both over Jew & Gentile is approaching. May we lift up our heads for our redemption draweth near. When we look at the Bible-Piety of our English Church, we see nothing but corruption. We have indeed splendid buildings, pretentious Priests, splendid processions, rich ornaments, images in excess, higher & lower mass, magnificent performances — but where is the Saviour? Man is exalted & gratified, but God is banished from his own house. But He will come & restore all things. Joe & joins me in best love to Mr & Mrs Harris & yourself. Many thanks for your