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repent & believe in it — who love the Lord Jesus it in sincerity — I am hoping that it please God to bring about such a union in his own way. But I must stop — I am sorry to find that I have taken up such thin paper. I fear you will not be able to read it — I wo^d copy what I have written on better paper but my eyes wo^d suffer to a degree, you wo^d not wish me to incur. I am sending by this post your letter to my son Edward at Matlock Bath. It will gladden his heart & strengthen his faith. He rejoices in the work of Moody & Sankey, & in his small way carries on the same good work. God is guiding & blessing him. I cannot but fear his health may fail him. Douglas has not yet returned to

Mile Eaton, Derby
Feb 8th 1876

My very dear Friend

It would be a vain attempt to convey to you the pleasure, the comfort, the joy which your letter of the 19th of Jan^y received on the 4th inst^t has given me. To hear of the great & good work carried on so successfully by Mess^rs Moody & Sankey at Philadelphia, aided by Dr Douglas was to my heart a joyous event. "It is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes". It is as you suggest the very inspiration which the Church of Christ needed at this particular juncture. The zeal & activity of multitudes in every part of Christendom, in trying to bring christian men & women by every device, which the subtle enemy can suggest, from the simplicity of the Gospel to trust in the "Traditions of the Elders" was becoming most distressing — Men of high position, of great learning and distinguished talents — of extensive influence are using all their talents & influence