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My dear Friend,

You are most kind in sending me so fine a specimen of your buffaloe's heads. It arrived safely some days ago. We have not determined where to place it, whether here or at Epsom; but wherever it is, I shall often look upon it in remembrance of you. When at Epsom your beautiful statuette meets my eye several times a day, and calls forth a sigh of affection, reminding me of the pleasant hours we passed together, 40 years ago this very year.

Your letter I have read with much interest - and am not surprised at your beginning to feel the infirmities of age - for you are my senior. I am glad however that they are ~~not~~ unaccompanied by suffering.

Send your magnificent exhibition. I have felt very much tempted to cross the Atlantic, but do not feel that I have the courage and strength to do so. My son Alfred talks of doing so, and if he does, I shall charge him to seek you out. We have no ~~changes~~ news in our family circle to report. I have still 2 sons and 3 daughters living at home unmarried. The winter has not been a healthy one. It began early, and colds and throat affections have been ~~[illegible]~~ common and obstinate. My youngest daughter has suffered a good deal from her throat, and we are arranging to send her away for change of air. Your friend Louis (Mrs Barkworth) has also been very unwell - confined for 5 wks to her bed with boils; but is now better. My wife has also suffered from lameness in one foot, which seems to baffle the skill of the medical men. My brothers are all pretty well; and so is Caroline. Were they here, they would, I am sure, send very warm messages of love.

With kindest remembrance to your good wife, believe me to ever affectionately yours

Wm Wordsworth