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3<sup>rd</sup> day morning

Early, dear Hannah, as early as George Muller himself would have asked anyone to rise, have I risen this morning to tell thee that I cannot - most unexpectedly - cannot come to your solemn meeting the more I have thought of it the more I have been impressed with the awful nature of your engagement - in the fear of the Lord, thus worshipping toward His holy temple - I had it in my heart to join you in person, dear Hannah, that I too might partake of the blessing & that might be dispensed, but it must only be in thought that I can do so - Yesterday an unexpected guest came to pass just two or three days with me - & I thought likely her visit would be over before you met - but it has not so happened - & Providence has ordered otherwise - Behind me, Hannah, this is the one & true

reason that I do not come this evening  
& join myself to your little company -  
That it may ever be in the most humble  
and perfect fear of God that you thus  
meet - as the disciples did (with the door  
shut for fear of the Jews) is the earnest  
desire of thy friend Abby. who cannot  
find it in her heart to discourage any  
who with prayer and supplication  
make known their wants unto God.  
It is time for me to be still I fear  
thou wilt think I am setting up to  
instruct thee so with my most sincere  
well wishing I bid thee farewell -

I will try to send or bring the  
money for the Howard Home sometime  
this week if possible - I am afraid  
to trust what I have collected in this  
tho' it's not large or much -