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From my dear old  
friend  
Ann Foster.

Spellings House  
Buryar  
Essex

Let Lizzie see  
~~my~~ and  
return

Dear & loved Hannah  
You have been  
refreshing me this glorious  
Sabbath morn through  
thy book. Lay it down  
at page 20, and take  
pencil & paper to thank  
thee. I seem to have  
been listening to thee  
responsively with the  
joy of the fact of Christ  
as the fulness of the  
Father's love & presence  
His presence with  
me & with thee wherever

Thou art! I hope thou art  
in as sweet Retirement  
amidst Country Loveliness  
as Louisa & I are, and  
that with thy usual Courage  
& with no accession of  
Pain thou art knowing a  
time of refreshing from the  
presence of our Lord -  
We came here to a  
house we have hired  
for 6 weeks & it has served our  
well. Shady Lawns for  
this hot weather - the  
Garden left to Nature's  
Entanglements -  
are obstructed yet lively  
also for my bath - Charles  
& Louisa I succumb into

the leisure of which she has  
had too little of late.

I spoke of my book. It is  
not my first reading of it.  
I return to it now & again  
if I want the whip as  
a stimulus to meet the  
annoyances of old age  
with a toothless smile -  
or on the contrary when  
I want to be inspired  
with right feelings of love  
& thankfulness - as this  
morning. This is not for  
thee to answer, - per-  
haps not to read as I  
cannot see to dot i's or  
cross t's. Charlotte John  
stone lies with us last

week & said she was  
going to give thee a last  
London visit. She &  
I are fond of talking of  
thee - I hope she told  
thee that I disliked the  
idea of thy removal, but  
practically it does  
not deprive either of us  
of what we neither of us  
can have in personal  
intercourse. That is to  
come & we both love to  
know it will be in God's  
good time & that we shall  
be filled with the company  
of the saints in the presence  
of His Son & shall then  
know as we are known.  
Thine as ever  
Abundantly