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Forest House,
Leptonstone. May 11th 80.

My very dear Hannah.

I found a card on
my table when I came
from Egypt which
brought out so much
loving sympathy for
the ~~that~~ have been
wanting to write ever
since. but I am so
slightly stopped by my
trouble some head,
that tho' many thoughts
have travelled to thee
I have not put pen to
paper. I run to hear the

will think of the reunion
the lovely old couple,
reunited; & Frank has
welcomed his little sister
& they are "watching & waiting
for you". But day by
day the little feet are
unheard, & the mother's
heart sinks at every
turn of remembrance.
& I know with all thy
peace self forgetfulness
how this deep sorrow
will tell on thy heart.
& yet I rejoice to think
how "sure & steadfast
thou hast found
the Anchor to be.

thou least. found that
thou least not a High
Priest - which cannot
be touched with the
feeling of thy infirmi-
ties. I hear thro C benda
of your proposed trip
to California I hope it
will be a real refresh-
ment to body, soul &
spirit. & do you all
great good. C benda
is not at all well she
has been troubled all
this spring with a
very bad asthmatic
cough. & she looks pale
& haggard with it. & I
think she takes a low

view of herself, some-
times being so very
stout makes it more
serious. I suppose thou
will have heard of
the very sudden death
of our brother Henry
he died while we were
on the sea in January on
our way to Egypt: it was
a great shock to us who
had left him in apparent
health a few days be-
fore. ~~for~~ for a while it seemed
doubtful whether Ann
would rally from the
shock to her nervous
system, she seemed al-
most in heaven with

time while perfectly
prostrate in bed; now
she is coming round but
perfectly quiet is all that
she can bear. Her large
family are sometimes
almost too much for
her. They are at the
Fard Barclay's place
in the Isle of Wight
at present. The sons
who are in business
in London are with
us just now. I am greatly
set up by having kept
back again she looks
very well & I hope they
are going to settle to

Forest House,
Dentonstone.

earnest work at Roch-
ester. I think the danger
now is that Coleridge -
specifics should be
left out here, & a sort-
Unitarianism preached.
Is it not difficult to
grasp all the truths
& preach an all round
gospel? I am expecting
another grand child
any day it will be Ra-
chel Mary; third, they
are living at Torquay
now. I only wish
her husband had
some business

He has been an idle
man for some time.
While he with an increas-
ing family is a trial.
Our life begins next
week I am afraid I
shall not be there
much as my head
cannot stand close
houses. Meetings
are forbidden, but
I can't help transcrip-
ting at times. I feel
it is so bad for me
spiritually to be so
debarred. With deas-
love I am thine very
affly - W. W. Fowler

he speaks of a chain for
the present. ^{Forest House,} ^{Leptonstone.} ^{to raise}
we have the standard at pres-
ent of total abstinence
to meet one extreme with
another to bring about
a mean. if I may so ex-
press it. That it is not
the drink but the
drinking that is the
sin. The devil can make
the best of things agents
in his hands to make
us sin. I doubt think
wine should be
held up as they are
as evil in themselves.

When it is the evil heart
of man that does the
mischief he wants
to be brought back to
his own heart. Instead
of blaming the agent
as it is so often done in
Temperance periodicals.
We are just going to
try what we can do
to stem the evil by
setting up a Tem-
perance Public
House & Mission
rooms. Reading
rooms &c. we hope

We have at last got
the right house in
the right situation.
Do make this work
an object of special
prayer. We want the
right people - especially
to do the work, a
man & his wife,
capable & Christian.
Will there be going any
time to New York to see
my children? My is
part under the D^r
now. I do long a great
good may come to them
on your side. that they

may learn the difference
between ritualism
& spirituality. The higher
the church the more
of the world seems
almost the principle
here. It seems to have
been so with these chil-
dren the higher church
they have got the less
they object to dances &
theatres. I hope they
will see them & talk
with them. Thy very loving

R W Fowler

Best wishes to you
all.