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Wickhampstead,
Reigate, Surrey.
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My dear Friend Sir William

I wrote you a mail to write
and thank you for your touching
remembrance of me, in so kind by
sending me a copy of "I den look & Mon"

I do indeed feel deeply flattered
that you should remember such
a little creature as I am and I
accept your beautiful present
with very great thankfulness -

It is between 40 & 50 years since
we first met and now we are both

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old men & I can look back & can
look forward & say humbly yet truly
a poor sinner saved by grace even before
that time & kept ever since by the
power of God into salvation - and
when I reach the gate of Heaven &
the Porter asks for my passport
I shall simply point to the blood
that wonderful cleansing blood
which keeps cleansing every day.

What a wonderful day it will be
when we enter the Presence Chamber
I think I shall lie at His Feet and
just adore His wonderful love -

Heaven you have been very ill, if it
would please the Lord, we would
ask Him to allow you to remain
still a little longer among us, to do
on it that powerful work which He
has assigned to you to try and draw
our highly educated scientific men
to the foot of the Cross, to see the Lord
Jesus as He who alone can save their
souls & give them the true scientific
knowledge they long to understand.

Dark clouds are around us & whether
you look at the Christian, the Political
or the social world we seem to be
approaching a great crisis - I believe
the return of the Lord Jesus - the
great happy feature in it all is

Christians drawing closer & closer
to each other in the bonds of glorious
union - Whatever we may think of
these multiplying Christian Conventions
they have had the effect of firming down
the eddies, grounding off many nasty
corners of Christians & teaching them to
forebear one another in love -

We shall probably not meet again here below
I think of your great scientific work, but better
still of your Christian life & conversation which
has been a light to many doubting, halfhearted
Christians & I look back to years gone by when
we saw much of each other & when you
were a help to me - You have your reward
here & a much greater one above -
Mr Noble unites with me in Christian love
to Lady Dawson & yourself and hope that
God will place His everlasting arms around
you to the moment by moment - Fare thee well
Ever most sincerely yours
W. Hatt. Noble