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My dear Arthur

The date at the top of the page is my birthday. It was very kind of you to notice my birthday and also to meet me on that day. As far as I have gone my birthday has been happy and Andy & Nancy brought up what she called a birthday cake which I tasted & pronounced it very good so that I am not forgotten by my friends & relations which is very cheering.

I think the Book of Esther was a marvellous book inasmuch as it shows the care of Gods people in the obvious care which God seemed to have for His own peculiar people and the loving kindness of our God to them. I see you quote "Inasmuch as" but I do not take it to myself for I have done very little in visiting the poor in their own houses and consequently cannot take that to myself

which belongs to another one I am
getting over my sprain which I
received at Hawthorn Lodge where
Anne Willie lives I trust that
notwithstanding laid I am
very glad to hear that Matthew Burnett
has been so successful in the colony.

I dont think I received a birthday card
from you I could not find any enclosure
of one I do not wish you to send one
now as my birthday . . and I have
entered upon my seventieth year
but God has been very gracious to me
& lengthened out my span of life
beyond my three score years & ten
so that I expect to be going down till the
rest of my way if spared to see many
years It shall be a miracle of grace this
own day for ever blessed be His
Holy Name

Remain

Your affectionate uncle
with much love to self
and Mather

R. Andrew Mather