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Elihu Burritt to "Dear Friend"

Bishopsgate -Without, London
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Dear Friend

I have just returned to London after a long absence, and have just read your painfully interesting letter of the 3rd. Most deeply do I sympathise with you in the affecting bereavements you have sustained in the loss of a brother and your dear pastor. With the latter I became personally acquainted while in Christchurch, and found him to be a most excellent man. You have indeed been deeply afflicted, but I hope that it will all work together for your good, — I am now busily engaged in preparing for the Paris Convention. I think we shall make an impressive demonstration of it. Do you not think that you or some one from Christchurch could join the deputation? It will be an enterprize of great interest and importance. I hope you may find your own circumstances such as to permit you to go. It will probably come off during the first week in September. I shall send you a programme soon of the expedition. By the way, will you please direct your bookseller to order the usual number of Bonds for August, if you intend to take as many as before it was enlarged, as we thought of only sending half the number generally to those who have ordered them heretofore.

Thine sincerely
Elihu Burritt