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My dear Friend,

I went  
this morning to see  
Mr Brown our church -  
warden, he was out for  
the day, but his daughter  
told me a gentleman  
has taken the duty at our  
church for the four Sun-  
days before Mr Lane  
comes, so that chance  
is shut up. Then as  
for Mr Thompson, the  
young deppman I  
mentioned, whom I do  
not know personally,  
but only a friend of his,

He would simply take  
your help as a matter  
of courtesy, not necessity;  
and not knowing him  
personally, it would be  
impossible for me to  
suggest any other arrange-  
ment. It seems then  
the only way, that if you  
come, you come to-  
morrow. I have put  
off my Strensall visit  
until next week, so I  
shall be at home. But  
in any case, telegraph,  
or we shall be wondering  
all day. I wish this  
Sunday could have been  
as you wished it. You

might bring me a sermon  
to read though, if I may  
not hear you preach.

The day here is  
cold and dark and  
dreary, and so it will be  
for you too, looking your  
best on the little faces  
which must change so  
much before the years  
bring you back to them  
again. But they do not  
know and they cannot  
rover. And Mrs  
Stephenson, it will be  
sad for you to lose  
each other.

I hope this will reach  
you all right, and if  
you do come on Wednesday



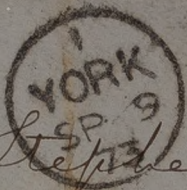
come as soon as you  
can. If it would only  
be a clear night, so that  
we could see the <sup>moonlight</sup> Minister  
low ground that would be.

So you take upon yourself  
to scold me for not using  
that word "rest," as if one  
must always keep saying  
what is true for all, true.  
Do you know, you did not  
use it yourself in your  
Sunday letter? You only  
said "ever yours", and about  
that "ever" there must be  
for you, I fear me, a reserve  
of doubt.

I will be right though, this  
time, and so, friend dear  
to me, I rest yours,

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