

Hardwick Vicarage, 26 Aug. 1872.

(50)

My dearest Arthur,

I have heard nothing from you for a long time - and I, or more properly ~~we~~, want to know very much how matters have been going on - whether you went to the British Ass, whether anything further has turned up - &c. &c.

I found afterwards that I had taken the trouble of carrying that curious book of Löllner's all the way to London to deliver it to you - and brought it all the way back again without knowing anything about it! - If you don't tell me to send it by post, I shall now keep it till you fetch it - you will not forget your promise. -

We have been pretty full of business - as you might expect - since our return - but no great progress made. Somehow the days are never long enough. I am still fagging at that plaguesy 3rd Edit. - but I hope it is gradually getting into train. I am also doing a little bit by bit towards remounting the Telescope, which I had entirely dismantled. The stand wanted - & had had - considerable repair - & Witte, in whose care