

Hardwick Vicarage, 31 Dec. 1873.

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My dearest Arthur,

I am so very much obliged by your kind letter - and should have answered by return, but I thought I might as well <sup>wait to</sup> tell you our final arrangements - which are decided upon this morning. He shall be at the Bedford Hotel to sleep & breakfast during our stay - the rest of the time at Mrs. Wycherley's (77) or among our relations. We hope to reach the Bedford about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 3 or 4, <sup>on Monday</sup> according to the punctuality of the train - and shall be either there, or at Mrs. Wycherley's, all the evening, excepting between  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6 &  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8, when we shall be engaged. We shall have of course a good deal to do in Town, but hope to see something of you. We are very sorry indeed to hear of your good kind Mother's illness - and hope she may soon be