

Is Lord Lindsay, now Earl of Crawford?
and author of a curious speculation as to
Etruscan antiquities - (much more curious
than probable, according to the Guardian review
of it.)? -

Believe me, my dear Mr. Arthur

Yours very affectionately

J. W. Webb

Since writing this I have found your kind letter
which I had mistak^{en} - Many thanks ~~for~~ ^{for} the pro-
spectus - the author had already been making some
enquiries of me about an old eclipse in which I
could not help him. Thank you for offering to send the
book - but ~~at present~~ ^{at present} I could not read it & ~~old~~
eclipses don't much interest me. Will you
please tell Mr. Hamilton when you see him that
I feel much disappointed at being so hurried
that it is quite impossible for me to call,
I am much obliged to have done. -

Hardwick Vicarage, 18 June 1874.

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My dearest Arthur,

We are very much obliged by your kind &
sympathising letter. Being fortunately able to
have my duty taken on Sunday, I had the pain-
ful opportunity of attending the funeral at Raglan
on Monday, & we returned on Tuesday. My wife is
as you may suppose none the better for this dis-
tressing shock. - But we must shut up all our
thoughts in the Holy Will of God. -

I am not without hope of being able to take
her abroad - but at present have got no substi-
tute - Our plans are very uncertain. One
little thing has happened to cheer me in the midst
of many depressing circumstances. For a length
of time I have been unable to get from my slow,
sickly, stupidish publisher in Hereford (what
one would think simple enough) a list of sub-
scribers - at last they have done it, though in-
correctly - but I am quite surprised at the length