

And I am getting up a list for Siden. Chron.
according to your kind wish.

Our School Children (under Gov.^{ty}) are now to
be taught Scientific Grammar. One of them
^{being} asked about the number of genders, answered
there were Three genders - I believe so
too - & who was the Goose? Not, the poor
child! - I can tell you too about the connec-
tion of cups & saucers with Astronomy - &
who live in Turkey. Be - wait we have
some fun! Especially if, when you are Secre-
tary of Legation at Constantinople, you'll get
me the Chaplaincy there, with command of
the Observatory & such Plössel Dialecte -

Ever y^r dearest Arthur

Your affectionate ad

"Deffro! Mac' Dydd!"

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My dearest Arthur,

Best thanks for your kind advice -
which would be best I doubt not under
other circumstances. But I fear acting upon
it w^d not quite do for me, because the 2 In-
tees who are close at hand (Mr. Penoye, the in-
tender, at The Mon, & Mr. H. Allen at The Priory)
would both wish to stop my mouth - the former, be-
cause my wife & I join with the neighbourhood
in not calling on his unpresentable wife - the
latter because he had a taste for finding fault
with everybody's doings in general & mine in par-
ticular. That there was no kind feeling in the
matter is obvious, because though it is quite true
that 2 out of the 3 trees marked in the meadow op-
posite the house contain some dead branches, yet
far contra they shelter my house & garden from the
wind, & are so completely connected with this house
that even supposing they bear the right weight,
it would have been only matter of neighbourly courtesy