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My dearest Arthur.

Just a line on a busy day (I have no other) to say that from something I have heard I think I was mistaken in supposing that you had voluntarily withdrawn from the Secretaryship. Had I the slightest idea that such was not the case I sh^d. most certainly have returned the voting paper with one or other of the new names scratched out, & yours substituted. I have ~~not~~ now destroyed the paper. But if not too late send me another by return, with an intimation whose name you least like as your coadjutor, & out it shall go in favour of your own. I so much wish I had written a receipt of it, to ask your own wishes on the subject - pray forgive me - but when I saw your name no longer there, I somehow fancied it was a voluntary retirement. -

At your convenience - will you kindly try to find