

Hardwick Vic. 16 Jan. 1878.

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My dearest Arthur,

I had not time to raise your slip  
by return (rec<sup>d</sup>. yesterday ~~as~~ Mr. Esdaile's  
bearing same date 12<sup>th</sup>) - but send it today.  
Birmingham will be glad to see it - for he  
has been rather ignored (owing doubtless to  
his preference for an Irish Cat) & it has  
I think disappointed him.

I am extremely obliged to you for your  
most kind ~~of~~ mention of the Mirror. to  
Mr. Esdaile, from whom I have had a  
most liberal offer in consequence. It is  
all your doing. I have proposed to him to  
send it over for inspection as far as  
on both sides. -