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Hardwick vicarage, July 27. 1870.

My dearest Arthur,

We are extremely glad to hear of your safe return - and think it very kind of you to write about it so speedily. My wife had written to your good mother yesterday to enquire about you, for she had been feeling very anxious - and we are truly thankful that all is well. -

This being a busy day - in preparation for a Croquet party this afternoon - I must be duly brief in telling you that now you have no excuse for not coming to see your loving friends who will be delighted if you will visit them - and we have a selfish motive too in wanting you at our intended Tea gathering for the Church House this evening on August 29. - The day is rather unfortunate as just preceding Hay Haven Show - so that these people will not come - & in the middle of harvest - but it was fixed by the Bishop, so there is no help for it but in getting good & interesting speakers. About this I am sorely anxious - but there would