

enforcing the only right course - regular
administration. As you know Mr Osmond
Wyatt & others of the family it is right to
tell you that he is not in the least the
party referred to, but a cousin whom you
never saw, or I suppose heard of, but who
was somehow induced to propose a course
that neither you nor I sh^d have liked to
set our names to.

But I must stop this chatter - so
many letters to write.

My wife's very kind love
Ever your affect. Old Friend
J. W. Webb.

We shall be in Chert. Dr. during
March, & might run up to Town if it
were perfectly convenient & agreeable
to you to receive us for 2 or 3 nights.
- Your Eclipse memoirs very interesting -
What a scamp that boy was. I wish the book
had been hot enough to make him drop it like Suez

Hardwick Vicarage 28 Jan. '83.
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My dearest Arthur,

I do not know which of us
wrote last - nor is it very material
- but I ought at any rate to write
now, to so good & kind & old a friend,
to let him know of a little bit of
preferment for which I am indebted
to the Bishop of the Diocese. He has
just presented me to a vacant Pre-
bend in the Cathedral - no involu-
ment, and quite an inferior position
to a Canonry - but still looked upon
as a compliment - giving a position
in the Chapter, and a stall in the
Choir. To me, loven as I am of mu-
sic, and Church music above all, this