

Hardwick Vicarage, 23 Feb. /82.

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My dearest Arthur,

I enclose you a pinch of meteoric  
Snuff from the inside of my roof as you  
wished. Please let me know if it is e-  
nough, for Tom brought down a lot more,  
which I have put by till I learn whether  
you want it.

We were hoping to go to Cheltenham  
on Tuesday, for the month of March - &  
during that time to have gone up for  
a few days to your hospitable quarters  
if it were perfectly convenient & agreeable  
to you. And I had engaged Mr Ludon to  
take my duty for the month. But this  
morning I regret to say comes an unexpected  
letter to say he is ill & unable at any  
rate to come as soon as I wanted him. I  
have written straight off to Chel<sup>m</sup> to see  
if I can get a substitute for him -