

ing her way - between strong love for her child,
& some lingering thought - after 7 or 8 years courtship -
- of her betrayal - & great attachment to us. -
She was reduced to a wreck, in personal appearance,
& became so irresolute & vacillating that it was
extremely difficult to deal with her - & many sad
scenes I had with her in Hereford where I have
been repeatedly to see her, & to try to strengthen her
resolution, though of course carefully leaving the
final decision to herself. But I am very thankful
to tell you it had been made at last, & I trust
irrevocably, in our favour. The man showed him-
self in his true colours as utterly false & hardhearted
& she could see it plainly enough at times - though
at others she would forgive all, & be content to sacri-
fice herself for the poor child's sake. It was indeed
a pitiable sight - our Mary with a baby in her arms!
- He, in order to escape breach of promise - telling
her he was willing to marry, but his mother was
not ^{because she had not money enough!} - threw all full of tears & misery & saying that
his mother was so too, because the lawyer obliged him
to repay the £100 he had got out of her under promise
of marriage - there was a loven for you! And she, poor
thing so utterly worn out that, for the child's sake

more than any other reason, she was willing to do
anything so that only her worry & uncertainty might
be ended - it had been a miserable affair indeed!
& we have had hitherto little comfort in it except
the consciousness of right intentions. But at last, af-
ter all his boast of not caring for the law, he had been
driven by a writ to repay her her money, & tomorrow
he is to arrange with the lawyer for the support
of the child, & then she goes to her sister in Lei-
cestershire till we can receive her in May. -
- I should indeed have liked to have seen your
Saturn - with all your flood of light - but mine
has been very nice when it has been possible to
catch him - but what a season! I think I
have seen your belt (but not very dark) on one
occasion - that is, if it lies close to the S. edge of
the white equatorial band, forming as it were an
edging to it. And in spite of Trowaloh & 26 in.
I always think I see the limb of the ball thro'
the whole extent of C down to B. But it has
several times (that is, the limb has) seemed
darker on the F than the P side - & the
shape of C across the ball seems unsymmetri-
cal - turning up ~~too much~~ on both sides too
sharply to mark C on the dark sky, but more