

Hardwick Vicarage, 29 Sept. '84

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My dearest Arthur,

For your good kind letter of  
10 days back, accept my best thanks.  
Its friendliness is too apparent not  
to merit my warm gratitude - in-  
stead of requiring any kind of apology.  
Please do not be uneasy at the idea  
of my making any such great change  
here as you seem to apprehend. My  
household will be what it was, with  
the exception that my 2 maids vol-  
unteer to do the work of 3 - at least  
as long as poor Mary remains - but  
she will I expect be married some day  
- and I cannot wish it otherwise pro-  
vided only I can be sure of the man's  
true repentance, and determination to  
make her a good husband. —