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My dearest Arthur,

I wish your last could have conveyed a more cheering impression both as to your dear Mother and yourself. But I hope, under God's blessing, every day will see you both making good progress. The weather though, <sup>more</sup> favourable than it has been, is still rather rough for you both - and you I hope (i.e. A.C.R.) will take great care how you venture out too soon. -

I have not seen Proctor's  $\odot$ , nor did I know he was so great an ally of Browning's. It is a pity that the spirit of clique should so creep into the domain of Science. I did not know (or had forgotten) that Secchi was writing upon  $\odot$  and I do not quite know what may be bearing of your intimation of his wanting an English translator. Why do you not undertake it yourself? I wish you would - & if you wanted any  $\odot$