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My dear Mr. Arthur,

I have been and am very busy, preparing for a Confirmation here, & many other matters - but I must just send you a line on several accounts -

1. To thank you for the loan of a German book, which I have not yet looked into.

I hope you did not wish it returned speedily.

2. To thank you also for a most kind letter of sympathy about poor E. Smith. I believe the matter was after all accidental & not at all habitual - & the mention of it was the result of a terrible Civil War in the Infirmary - headed by the House Surgeon, & the Matron - but for which, it would probably have been thought - as it seems to have been, a misfortune rather than a fault. However you will be glad I know to hear that I have