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Hardwick Vicarage, 16 Apr. /72.

My dearest Arthur,

I hope you got the P Card sent in great haste yesterday to prevent your taking further trouble about Breen. We are very sincerely sorry for all the annoyance we have caused you - but there the unfortunate entry stood in my pocket book - how it got there is past my telling - and we both supposed we recollect having lent it you. - Can this furnish a hint as to the uncertainty of evidence? - And if such things happen even with people of rather careful habits, and who wish at any rate to do right, & not give needless trouble - what must sometimes happen in other quarters? -

Yesterday, the Planthomas people came to call - and my wife getting on the topic of Astronomy, Miss Thomas mentioned that she was reading that very book, which she had borrowed here -

O how very queer!

All this must appear!

And I almost fear