

own business better than I do, or it will soon come
to an end. -

I am going this evening - when for a great wonder
there seems a possibility of its holding up - to lecture
at Hay on Spectrum Analysis! to an audience more
likely to be asleep with sleepiness than curiosity -
However I must go at it "happy go lucky," as
Gen. Morgan told the English soldiers to do at the
battle of Dunkirk. -

I hope I have not taken up too much of your
time in "bestowing all ~~that~~ my tediousness
upon you - I was not likely to be very lively
at the end of it - having gone over twice,
almost word by word, 2 sheets of Birch today.
They are going off by post now, & trouble me no
more - but

"non avales, non deficit atten" - I can't
go on with Virgil and add "surens" -

Our winter wish love, & very kind regards to your
good parents, and so, my dearest Arthur
Deffro! Mae Dydd! -

Hardwick Vic. 16 Dec. 1872 (at night.)

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My dearest Arthur,

Which you may be thinking of we do not know - how
should we, till you are pleased yourself to tell us? But we
have been looking out eagerly for a letter to announce your
intention of coming, & stopping as long as even you can -
we expect to see you ground down by work, & sorely want-
ing the rest that we hope you will have here - bring
anything with you that you like - only let it not be so
much work as play. It will be Christmas time, when
all good folks think it right to unbind the bow, - & every
body makes holiday - but poor parsons! - However, tho'
their work is unremitting, on often increased at that sea-
son, they find good company more help than hindrance
- and you don't know how much good you may do me
by coming, if that is any inducement.

I have not much news to tell, but expect the opening of
a grand budget of astronomical information - i.e. of astro-
nomical literature, for I & my telescope suppose that ob-
servation is in abeyance everywhere. She sends her re-
spects to you, & begs me to say she is quite tired with stand-
ing in one posture, & would feel particularly obliged if
you would bring her down 2 or 3 fine nights - she can't
remember when she has seen one. You will be too late