

Hardwick vicarage, Hay,⁷⁷
Dec. 18. 1869.

My dearest Arthur

Many thanks for your very careful & satisfactory financial statement. Please keep the balance at present. I fear your very troublesome Herefordshire friends may have occasion to plague you again.

The weather here is super foul - and I have a delightful deal of parish walking in the same.

Since I began this I see a book in Bull's Library which I am about to write for

Bull's Eagle's Nest - 5s. 6d. -

and I shall take the liberty of saying that they may send the account to you, and that you will pay it. And as I dare say they will not send the book,