

had to go there. What he wanted was an explanation that Mrs. Webb did not impute to him dishonesty - This she had already given in the shop - but they repeated the request in a way that led me to suspect it was intended as a ~~conspiracy~~ mode of extorting money - but none did they get from me, nor any explanation from my wife ^{but one} that ~~she~~ while removing every idea of dishonesty retained the charge of unbecom- ing conduct. A solicitor of eminence who was dining at my brother-in-law's thought her perfectly correct in what she said in the shop, & that she would have been justified in even going farther. and would not have had her voice on

racism terms - & so thought the hotel people. It was a kind of petty conspiracy - but they missed their mark this time - & it may have been well for some of the impudent fellows that I did not care to stop in London, to complain to their employers. -

I have got it all straight about the Irish & only regret extremely that you will have the copy I intended for you. It is a disappointment to me - for your name was among the first on my list, & you are thanked by name in the Introduction.

It was most kind of you as regards my poor nephew - and I find the Sol. to whom he is attached is his father's great friend, so that he will have no occasion to avail of himself of your truly