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My dearest Arthur,

I am much obliged by your kindness as to the form of application. I do not know whether in these too-late-in-the-season cases, it is customary to propose, or to wait - but supposing the former to be the more likely, I have taken the liberty of sending the nomination to you, thinking that probably you would feel no objection to sign it, & get me some other name, which in this case would I should think entail no difficulty.

I don't know whether you ever go near the "Nature" office - or if you do, would like to say anything about it - but it would be well that they should know that some one there is not careful enough, as to the goodness of the copies that are sent out. Twice lately - I should say in less than 3 months, I have had to complain to my bookseller in Hay, of defective copies, & to get better ones sent; and this not from any fastidiousness or over-accuracy. In the first is -