

Mr. Key has seen marvels in Auvergne - especially  
a human-formed Crater - a floor containing coals.

Some of the cinders - coals are so fresh. -

I have missed Mr. Merth's question thro' your  
Myths' of D are so few, & so rough, that I  
have not, I repeat to say, made use of the  
facts - which I did not know to be his. But  
there are many more <sup>to</sup> whom probably they w<sup>d</sup>. be  
of great use. I hope a book on D will  
ere long be seriously taken in hand - not by  
me, tho' I may have a little finger in the  
great pie.

I fear it w<sup>d</sup>. be too propose to address Mr. H.  
further - if so, it sh<sup>d</sup>. be done with no reference to  
me, as I have obviously bothered him enough. But if  
he or any one wishes to write to him independently, his  
address is

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"Freiheit"  
"Genug!"

Hardwick. Vic: 28 July 1874. -

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My dearest Arthur,

Your fair correspondent has put me rather  
"in a fix" - partly because I am not (I hope) of a  
refusing nature - partly because of the "honneur  
aux dames" which is a great impediment in my ideas.  
Nevertheless I am afraid I must make my exit  
from the trap by wriggling downwards instead of  
upwards - i.e. - making the best excuse I can, or  
getting you to do so for me - for non-compliance. The  
fact is, that though my means are (or rather will be)  
somewhat increased - I have so strong a sense of the exorci-  
sing needs of my poor brethren - especially in spiritual  
matters - that I do not like to contribute to a thing of  
less importance, as long as I think there are plenty  
of people who will do it without me. I cannot doubt  
that this will be the case in the present instance - &  
that therefore my subscription would be so much taken  
from some more pressing object. If the memorial  
were about to fail for want of one more subscribers, I  
would be the man - But it won't. and therefore I  
should feel that what I gave would be so much ~~taken from~~  
~~some loss to~~ in the amount which I have to give to the  
Steward's Master. NB. As you got me into