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Hardwick Vicarage, Jan. 17/70.

My dearest Arthur,

Very many thanks for your kind letter & all you have so obligingly done. I am quite surprised at what you have heard as to the Letters of Orders - but it must be recollected that they are incomplete - i.e. they are only Deacons, or Priests - and I am afraid the former, which would be less valuable - as some men - Rowland Hill for instance - never took Priests Orders afterwards (somebody compared him to a man in such a hurry to go a journey that he only waited to put on one bock!) - On the other hand, Priests Orders would of course infer the pre-existence of Deacons. - My wife sends her kind love - she wishes me to ask to kindly send her Parkins & Galt's &