

Whom you know) is now in Town for a few weeks - having returned from Ceylon nearly blind from heat & glare. He wishes to improve himself while in town by attending some popular scientific lectures. Are there any that you could recommend?

Hardwick Vicarage - last day of 1874!

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My dearest Arthur,

I think you will like to know how I have been going on, so I write a line - not merely to express all the very best wishes of the season from us both to you & yours, but to tell you that by God's great goodness I have been making very satisfactory progress. We had a most uncomfortable, perishing, delayed journey down - but it did not produce any ill effect - & I have been mercifully provided with a good & clergyman to help me for the present - he took my duty when I was abroad ^{last} year ~~before~~ (very nearly the year before last, now) - and is a most gentlemanly & untroublesome inmate in the house - he would have done much for me too in the parish but for the snow, which at the present lays an embargo upon all outdoor movements. I have