Some time when you may be writing – but please not on purpose – will you tell me if there is anything in the reported discovery of a spectroscopic Monster – a substance which reverses the spectrum & turns it inside out, so as to bring the two ends together in the middle? – If so – a pretty cockatoo for the wavelengths people to handle. – There are a good many unexplained points in these regions – by some of them queer ones – but this wd be queerest of all.

Ever dearest Arthur

Your very affect. friend

Deffo! Mac Dydd!

I saw such a splendid 12 in. mirror at Mr. Witt's the other day! 100 f, in: would at least it the least.

I forget whether I asked you to send the Chromatics to Witt's. He wd like them much.



15 Feb. 1876. After post –

And subsequently forgotten to be posted yesterday So sent off 17th.

Hardwick Vicarage,
Bay, R.S.O.

The question about my 7. timber has stirred up more, & the happy result is the saving of a large quantity of ornamental trees on the Estate, which had been neglected by Mr. Penoyre's mysmidons.

My dearest Arthur

For various reasons a reply to your very kind letter ought not to have been deferred – but various other reasons urged delay – & the various other reasons carried it against the various reasons, & remained masters of the field. But their reign having expired I must no longer keep you waiting for my best thanks for all your kindness, & sincere apologies for all the trouble I have given you – and above all, most unwittingly, re Astron. Reg. I had not the slightest idea that you were personally concerned in that matter! I have some recollection that you once told me you occasionally wrote articles for them – (as well as for Eng. Mech.) but as many thing like official supervision or correction I had not the least suspicion of it, & was utterly astonished at your statement. – I said what I did, because I knew you felt some kind of interest in the Reg. & did something for it, & because you had kindly had my paper read