

lodging in a not very respectable public house,
& was supposed to be engaged to a girl there, it
would be vain to make any strict enquiry.

It has been a very afflicting case - for he was
a wild careless fellow, & his friends are most of
them serious & right minded people. It threw
quite a damp over the whole neighbourhood -
& added another to the many calamities & dis-
tresses, private as well as public, which have
marked the present year. -

"The book" is making some progress, though
slow. & I hope may be out next May, D. V.
I have most valuable parish help from my
good cousin Mr. Eype who has been here for
some time, & this has made a great difference
in my favour. My wife's kind love & I am
always Dear Aunt Arthur.

Your very affectionate Old Friend

J. W. Webb

Will you please give me Merth's address?
He sent me some Nachrichten which I have
been unable to thank him for. -