

own with you - And if I am very queer - as I know
I am - about various dicta or commenta of the day
(- not a bit taking in, much that others receive
- & seeing no difficulty where others are stuck fast)
- you were most patient with me & treated my
ignorance with the greatest consideration. Many
would have thought it not ^{only} ignorance, but pre-
sumption into the bargain - but you at any
rate are too kind a friend. And ~~we~~ ^{we} know how
very little such matters signify to the real bene-
fit & happiness either of the individual or the
community!

I hope you will continue to get time enough to
follow up your social speculations. They are deep-
ly interesting - & deserve - & indeed require - to be
wrought out to the end - not merely tracked a
little way for amusement, but followed rigidly
to their logical conclusions.

What about Greenwich? H. S. mentioned the
matter to me, so it is no secret - & said he hoped
Stone wd be the man. I was stupid enough not
to recollect what were your wishes, or belief, on
that subject.

Burton's books interested me exceedingly, tho'
I had to scramble over them like a flying fish -
and I was more bitten than probably he expect-
ed, for I do not suppose he c^d have known that
in young days I was a speculum - worker myself
tho' only on a pigmy scale.

Lady M. Howarth very kindly sent us a Tick-
et for the Horticult. Soc's Garden in Regent's
Park, but we did not avail ourselves of it - nor did
we see her again - but I hope they will come to
Hardwick in the course of the summer. -

My wife sends her kindest love with mine
& I am always dear Arthur

Your affect. Old Friend



Past 9 o'clock
Aw - aw - aw