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25 D. Evans, Gloucester, Sept. 20/70.

My dearest Arthur,

Your very kind letter has followed me here - & I must reply to it, however briefly.

Our intended visit to Kelston Knoll was laid aside as impracticable with my poor wife's eye, & we came here, where the good Doctor had in the kindest & most generous way made his guests since Wednesday, & called in an ~~out~~ oculist to aid the treatment. The complaint proved to be Iritis (= inflammation of the Iris) & mismanaged or neglected might have had most serious consequences. I thank God these seem to be averted, & there is every prospect of uninjured vision. But I regret to add that from the situation of the complaint, so near the brain, and possibly, too, from the active Allopathic treat-