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Dear Mrs Bentinck

I would not have guessed  
that my St Francis would  
get across your defences,  
and it's nice to know  
that he has. God made  
a really good joke when he  
made him; Francis is  
indeed a very important  
testimonial to the work of

creation, and my idea is that science is gradually coming <sup>round</sup> down to him, and that the new Religion will have to be based on the spiritual idea of non-punishment, - which civilization has hitherto regarded as absurd.

I dare say my rendering of 'Father Wolf' is not convincing; but I think the idea is sound enough.

When Francis asks Lupo to be godlike, and forgive

those who have done more wrong than he has, he gives himself <sup>away</sup> at once. Lupo is a very simple healthy person, and quite easy to deal with.

The Miser is more complicated & pathological; but Francis wants hard on him. The old man was miserable with fear, and Francis took his fear off him. You don't know how happy he was afterwards!

Is the unknown 'Disciple' the writer in the 'Nation'?

I had been told that was  
Masterman the younger.

I'd be quite interested to  
meet 'her' or him. Your  
handwriting, & the name  
'Lion' left that a bit  
doubtful.

We are away from here  
in August, when we each  
go on a round of visits,  
like sensible house-mates,  
separately.

I hope your 'improvements'  
are not too mosaic; for your  
house & garden have a host  
of their own, which too much  
attention might spoil.

Always sincerely  
Lawrence Howman