

you 'two' the last I wrote, was long enough to pay
for a doz. I am so sorry I said anything
about that ring to night. I will put it away and
not even look at it again: it is not pleasant to see you
worried. yet I fear I often do it, with my thoughtlessness.
And even if I do "abuse you sometimes" and often say
wicked things - I hope I may never alienate, and
always ^{your} preserve, ~~the~~ friendship - ~~of~~ In yours of 24th you
said my letter would be a "talisman to cheer you up" -
would I could think so - that word or deed of mine
could cheer you - how glad I would be. And let me thank
you for your kind words of future remembrance.

I never for a moment doubted your sincerity. You
did not enjoy the walk this morning: more than myself.
I was so glad to see you waiting for me, good old Martin.

As sleep is weighing my eyelids down, I will
say 'good night'. Excuse this immense paper - I have
no more down stairs - am writing on my unique desk the
stairs.

As ever sincerely yours -

Charles.