

P.S. I am sending you the account in our local paper
which I do not need returned. (Alb.)

The Rookery
1918 June 23rd Stormarket

My dear Mrs Hardcastle

I was so delighted to get
your kind letter. I am afraid the discovery of
nova Aquilae cannot be looked upon as a
great achievement. The nova was first magnitude
and it would have been difficult to avoid
seeing it; also its peculiar white, sparkling
& piercing, made it unmistakable. It was a
great thrill all the same observing it for
oneself, flying to a star chart & marking the
position of the brilliant visitor. I was very
excited and pleased. Then it was a surprise
to read in the papers that I may have been
the first to observe it. You can imagine the
little shiver of delight, my star! Now, however
there are several claimants for that honour &
I may have to take a back seat, but still in
good company.

You have that horrid picture of me in
Daily Mirror & the stupid, misleading things
they say in the papers. It seemed quite hopeless