

Max Gate

15 Dec. 1912

Dear Miss Eve Smith:

I write a line to express
to you & your sister & Colonel
Egerton my warm thanks for
the kind words you sent me
on my loss, & for the beautiful
wreath received for laying on my
wife's grave, which was duly placed
there. One of her most recent
interests was in the recovery of
Colonel Egerton after his operation.
Believe me, sincerely yours
Thomas Hardy.