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My dear Augustus.

Marcia Maxwell's
letter will explain - Dick
has no money handy!
So cannot buy the Picture
perhaps you may like
to do so - or send some
one to see, if it is
worth buying —

I have been intending
writing to Alice. but
have been so busy - house
furnishing & servant
hunting - I hope I may
get into my house by
the end of next week.
I go to day to Newton Kyme

Ladcaster. if you wish to
write — I so much enjoyed
my few days at Rushmore.
& often think of the lovely
place - I hope you are picking
up strength - Best love to
Alice —

Yours affect —
Marcia Lane Fox

was sold last week at
Phillips in New Bond St.
Taylor's sale, for Willie
Vernon's name was kept
quite in the dark, Willie
is bankrupt you know.
The picture was called
"An Art Student". Not one
of the family portraits went
by their name. I only
heard of the Auction the day
before, Mary Susan told
Marmaduke. The picture
is so pretty & I thought
the family might like to
have it. The man who
bought it is "a gentleman
who likes buying up portraits"
Shepherd, whose card I enclose,

bid for him at the Auction.
As he meant to go as far as
20 £ for the portrait & got it
for 10 £ he says he will
keep it for a good
sum larger than he gave or
intended to give, so any
one can have it for 25 £.
This is because he knows
some of the family wish for
it. But none of us can
afford it, Marmaduke says
the utmost he can offer is
15 £. So I thought it
better to tell Dick of this.
Portraits of that sort are
very much in vogue now
Shepherd told me; he is
an Art collector, more
important looking than a

Shepherd Bros.

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