

with the whole ~~set~~^{set} to Ellis.
He mentioned it as a matter
of undoubted certainty. The
course of events with Solomon
must be owing to the editor
(or whoever told S. in the
first instance) having been
then unaware, perhaps
of the nature of the coming
article, & certainly of B.B.'s
intended pseudonymity, &
and to the fact that after-
wards the same informant
saw he had made a mistake
in telling too soon & repeated
the information. What
~~renders~~ all this wrong
The certainty of all this
to me is the fact that
no one, amid all that is
said, can say that he

knows the real Thos. Maitland
who nevertheless would be
known to some one (almost
surely to Locker) like the
other contributors, if he
existed. I must get at
Locker & ask him myself.
I know him but feel lazy
about the matter. Clean-
- while I send you the
beginning of an epistle
to B. which I ~~first~~ struck
off on first hearing of his
identity with M. but
afterwards flung in when
I heard the report you
wrote to the contrary -
not that I was convinced
but further enquiry seemed
needed. If done at all,
perhaps there should not be
much more delay now