

Believe me dear Arthur
y^r. affect^d grateful old friend
J. W. Webb.

P.S. My husband much better
foot & all - We wish you were
here.

My dearest Arthur

My wife has said so much (mutatis mu-
tandis) that I sh^d. have wished to say, that I have
little to add - but that I should not like you to think
that my disinclination to enter personally into the dis-
agreements in R.A.S. made me in the least unwilling to
hear your account of them. The very reverse was the fact.
I sh^d. have been much interested in hearing all about them
& have often wished for an expositor like yourself - but these
unlucky suits Jenkins v. R.A.S. & Goode v. R.A.S. came sadly in
the way. When we meet (???) I shall hope to be the wiser. -
As we went by a sudden resolve to Antwerp, I wrote to Baron von
Ertborn, but no doubt too late - & beat up de Boë's quarters (it sh^d.
be written Boë & pronounced Booh!) - the Polaris man - very
lively, intelligent, & obliging. He talks of coming to Eng^d. to see Capt.
Kettle (who I fear booh-boohed - not Booh-Boohed) him as F.R.A.S.
I should be come will you let me refer ~~to~~ him to you? We are
here till Thursday. Yours aff^{ly} old friend J. W. Webb

Hotel des Pays Bas Spa
267 plus bas
le plus bas de tous -
le 30 mai
1880.

My dear Arthur

I have been quite unable
to write to you as I wished
to thank you for your great
kindness & your hospitality
during the ~~two~~ ^{one} nights you
so kindly received us into
your house, & most comfortably
we were, & Harriet was
so attentive & good to us.
I had not the pleasure
of seeing your other