

again - & to say the truth I do practically see my way to the end of it - & so much the more as I never intended, even if I could, to receive a penny out of it - & contra it is, & was meant to be, an algebraic minus.

But having I fancy to deal with one of the Clerks of the Circulation Office, I sh^d feel especially obliged if you w^d just satisfy a mere curiosity.

I must not go on. We were delighted with your beautiful Card - pray accept² far inferior ones, but the best I have at hand. - You know you have the best wishes of us both for your best happiness.

Limes? finished this stupid letter

Your very affect. Old Friend

J. W. Webb

P.S. May I trouble you with another little matter? I have received the enclosed circular which I have signed ex animo - for it seems to me a foolish move - but like a great gorse I destroyed the letter accompanying it without copying Mr. Fordham's address - & now don't know where to direct it. I dare say you know. Will you kindly fill up for me?

Hardwick Vicarage, 27 Dec. 1882.
after Post.

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My dearest Arthur

I am so much obliged by your kind letter - which has very much enlightened me as to the spectroscope, as well as the Married Woman's property act. - I am I know very troublesome - but the fact is that in the hurry & turmoil of this Christmas - which has exceeded I think all previous experience, I can't lay my hand on the information (scientific) which I believe I possess all the while.

I am so sorry you were not here at the Truss. You would have made something of it. I understand there is something curious in the Limes which I shall see tomorrow. When are we going to see you again? Years slip away so fast - & though you don't perceive it as we do, & I trust may not for many happy years to come (God send you many!) still the night cometh! -

I have been very much concerned at a report about poor St. Sadler - that he is falling into