

I have looked at one or two of my own rubies for variation but never found it.

And so I might go on - but only to tire you & spend time - so, especially as my wife is going to write, I shall close, & remain

Your affectionate Old Friend

J. W. Webb

P.S. I had to go out to dinner yesterday after writing the above, & during my absence my wife wrote her note - not being aware at the time that the Meeting would be (unless I am mistaken) on March 9. - I hope that time may perfectly suit you. I shall be so very glad to see you again. She would like to know if there would be a chance of her seeing Mr Green..

Hardwick Vicarage, 2 Feb. '83. After Post

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My dearest Arthur,

Best thanks for your very kind letter & all the trouble you have taken for me. I did not ~~ask~~ ask you all those bothering questions till I had failed in all the books I could get at - so you see what a proficient in Bpotic you have shown yourself to be. Where did you get it all? One or two other matters I should like explained - by one who can explain so clearly to very dull & slow capacities like mine.

Thank you again very much for the promise of Young's ~~officer~~ Sun - I hope the loan of it will be no inconvenience to you - I wanted the latest & best information before giving some "scratch" lectures in Cheltenham, where we go .D.V. on 19th but I think I told you this before. I don't think however I did tell you that we had had T-E. Esq. here for the inside of a week. NB. that blot is not meant for a likeness. It has very much the character of a snail's head & horns! which can certainly claim no affinity with him - except it may be in delicacy of feeling. He is