

stop now to compute this velocity or compare it
with D. It's for Sirius - but my impression is that
our speed would be fully sufficient. - Is it so very
certain that the line in Sirius is Hydr. & Hydr. only?
- I am in another puzzle, too, about wave-lengths
& refraction - but would rather get you to explain
this. When we meet, in Cheltenham, as I hope -

Dick goes slowly on - & to my surprise - another
Edit. of Cel. Obj. will soon be wanted - "more
sacks to the mill" - which was already grumb-
ling at its weight of work. - Well - I suppose
it is right - "Dieu tout aide" - and help
and bless us all!

I have had an astonishing upset of telescope,
stand, & all (but the pillar) in the Observatory.
How you would have stared! as I believe I did!
Yet there is not five shillings' worth of harm done -
and some actual good! I won't tell you about it
by letter. My wife desires me to say with her best love,
that we have not only 2 sitting-rooms in one Chelt. quarter,
but there will be an extra bed-room at your service, & we
shall have our own servant with us - So Pray Come. -
She says she shall feel very hurt if you do not come this
time. We hope your Mother is better - Even your
affectionate old friend
J. W. Webb.

Hardwick Vicar 12 Apr. 1871.

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My dearest Arthur,

You have probably been expecting to hear before
but I have been much engaged, & have delayed
saying thanks for many kindnesses. I was much
obliged about the Will - and regret that I gave
you so much trouble - as the poor man died before
your kind corrections came: under the circumstances
of the case, no doubt mine will answer all the pur-
poses required. Thanks too about Mr. Lockyer -
it was very kind of you - and saved him, at any
rate, a subscriber - for I had once actually discon-
tinued "Nature", but resumed it when I found I
should be admitted. You, I presume, are still
very busy with Eclipse results - the expedition
seems after all to have "paid" - & I am right glad
of it.

My wife & I have just returned from an expedi-
tion to Gloucester & Cheltenham, to see D. Evans,
(who I am ^{thankful} ~~sorry~~ to say gives a favourable report) and