

I hope you found your gr^d parents both quite well, and your dear Mother's work prospering in her hands.

With our united best love believe me

My dearest Arthur,
Your affectionate old friend

Thomas William Webb

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My dearest Arthur,

I had no idea you had returned, & was very glad to get the Card this morning. The only reason ~~you~~ you got no answer to your last was that, having a great deal to attend to, I put off my reply for some time - & then on looking again at yours I found that the fortnight's stay in Rome which you had mentioned would have expired before you would get my letter - and you had given me no further address - so I have been waiting to hear again, and am very glad to find that the reply comes from the old quarters, & that your visit had been a pleasant one.

That observation of Pistorff's which you mention is a very interesting one - I should like much to know (I think you told me, but I cannot distinctly remember, what these "Pistorff-Sun-spots M.S." are - Not, I believe, the vol. (on 2 vols. but one I think) given by Sir J. Herschel to the Astr. Soc. Library - but ~~the~~ a sequel, which you have somehow had entrusted to you. - I don't know that there was ever any