

die Helligkeit der Corona gross genug ist, um auch  
in unseren Breiten ohne totale Finsternis gesehen  
zu werden. Am 15. und 16. Sept. 1871 konnte ich  
inmitten den ausgedehnten Nadelwäldern von  
Horniska, unter einem Himmel, den beinahe bis an  
den Horizont tief ultramarin blau war, bei gehörig  
gedeckter Sonnenscheibe das Licht der Aureola bei-  
nahe bis an den Sonnenrand vortragen, und sah ent-  
schieden den aus den Photographien des Finsternis  
von 1870 bekannten trapezoidalen Umriss der Co-  
rona, wie dies auch Tacchini zu Palermo gelang."

I dare say the worthy P D S was quite right.

But surely the assertion which Prof Young makes (I  
hope I am not detaining him too long - I like him so much)  
"that the light of the Corona several times exceeds that of the  
full moon" - must be a slip. - If so, how can the  
darkness in a total eclipse be so great as it is found  
to be? -

You were so kind as to say you would let me see  
Stygian's paper in the Vierteljahrsheft. - I should  
be very glad if quite convenient, & would return it in  
a day or two. I hope you get "Le Soleil" quite safe.  
And I trust your dear Mother is quite recovered. Kind  
regards from your poor Father & believe me, dear  
your affectionate friend J. W. Webb.

Handwick Vic<sup>ty</sup> Hay 21 Jan. 1874.

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My dearest Arthur,

I seem to be always writing to give you  
trouble in some form or other, & I should think  
you must be growing tired of my hand. However,  
crite qui crite, here I am at it again. -

Yesterday morning I received, in broad asto-  
nishment, a copy of a very interesting essay  
on the dark side of  $\odot$  - evidently part of  
the publication Memoirs of some Society, but  
only headed "Sitzung der Mathematisch-Natur-  
wissenschaftlichen Classe am 18 Juli. 1873." -

But where there is no evidence to show, except  
the enclosed Defacing Stamp - & the notice  
at the end "Verlag der (königliche). b (chemische)  
Gesellsch. d. Wissenschaften. - Druck v. Dr.  
Ed. Grégr Prag. 1873" - I have filled up the  
parentheses as seemed most probable, & am left  
to infer that my unknown correspondent must  
be Dr Šafařík (how in the world do you  
pronounce this?) - the author of the Essay. -