

not exceed my ultimatum of £100 & may be much less. They proposed apportioning by acreage. I declined this, because damage to a resident from rail going ~~over~~ ^{by} this ornamental ground & close by a mansion ought to be rated higher than mere severance of a Farm. But they have taken no notice of my objection, which when pay-day comes they will hear of again. Nothing seems to have been done yet in Committee. All in mind & dish here.

My wife's kind love

Your very affect. friend

J. W. Webb

Don't get a Home & Thornthwaite - dear
at any price.

All my communications with Sadler lead me to think him a very nice fellow.

Many thanks for your rec^d since I wrote this. I am very sorry for the poor yoddy fellows. But I think it w^d. be still well to keep the small price for the 6" with. you might hear of some purchaser on my next.

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Hardwick Vicarage,
Hag, R.S.O.

My dearest Arthur,

On Saturday morn^g I met Mr. Ruck in the street who told me that if he was not back in time his son w^d show me all about the Tel. (i.e. very complete - Confid^l, alias Col. Jones - metal mirrors £10 as tis) well I went - & anything more stupid than the showman I don't hope to meet again. You were specul^l put in, or anything. I had to hunt them up - & do what I could proper man^r - but then there were no eyepieces &c. - I called again in haste - Mr Ruck declared he only meant to show the stand - there were no eyepieces &c. &c. - So the official report is this. -

Large mirror (8 in) capital metal, ill polished - (or more likely rubbed since) said to be of fine figure by Col. Jones - but Col. Jones is dead.

T. Lab, porous & bad.

Eyepieces - } may be gone to the Moon for all that
found - } apprais. -
Tube & stand not bad (for Altaz.) but out of condition.