

Hardwick Parsonage, Aug. 29.  
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My dear young friend,

You will be glad, I know, to hear, that I have finished these vile Saturn articles & lect - & am now going on with the 2<sup>d</sup> Edition - having also a course of lectures impending over my head, to begin next week. Beyond this I have not much to tell you. I hope Mr. Norton will come here before long & bring & help to put up the stand; but he is sadly over-cooked at Rousey, & I cannot press him. We have been enjoying a second summer, & it is continually bringing to mind the pleasures of the first, & those happy days to the enjoyment of which your company contributed so much. Here, too, there is great love-lies, & garden flowers surpassing all of the same kind that we saw abroad - but in the midst of scenes of pain, grief, & ignorance - equally existing, of course, around us abroad, but not equally forced upon our attention. I rejoice to hear of the safe arrival of your good Parents - I trust, for renewed usefulness. - You won't think me a mischief-maker if I say that I was very sorry to hear, from a real friend to the Mission work, & to the evangelic-



zation of the poor, that the conduct of a Noble-  
woman of Cheltenham, in disregarding the feelings of  
the Clergyman, has caused considerable offence. I  
have one objection to my name being mentioned - but  
that is a very strong one - that it would lead to the  
disclosure (not through information most certain,  
but from a reasonable guess,) of the name of my  
informant, whose permission I have not asked  
to mention it. If it came from a hostile quar-  
ter I should have hesitated to tell you of it, as  
little worth notice. This was not all that was said,  
but I don't like to put it on paper.

I enclose something just to show how faithfully  
Sprague is carrying out Dinneen's advice as to the  
desirableness of "~~keep~~ a little keen hatred &  
round abuse of the Church"; as important to  
maintain the cause of schism & disunion.

A happy undertaking, Oh sure! These men  
might very glad (*quia si bona norint*) that they  
have the Church, as a common enemy (in their



instructions) to keep them from falling foul of one another. Give them rope enough - you see what they are. I guess, if the D Church was out of the way - England would soon be a Wonderful place! - and nobody would join but the Pope! -

I was informed of the way (certainly not a propos) the other day, on authority I think appeared to me perfectly reliable. That Lord John Russell actually promised the help of England to the Danish Ambassador!! -

And now about logarithms &c. I want you to come to teach me something about them, & then you would not find me so intensely disagreeable a listener as I know I was - and am indeed sorry for it - when we were together. I hope Dick has been well supported at Nottingham. Allers going on well when he wrote. With every kind wish, and prayer for your Divine guidance, believe me  
Your young friend yours very affectionately  
J. W. Webb.



P.S. Loved ones. I wrote the above on Mon-  
day, but it waited for a note from Mrs. Webb,  
who was too busy to write. Meanwhile the  
you very kind little note came yesterday & the  
Book this morning. Very many thanks for  
the loan - but I fear I shall understand but  
little of it. Come here & I will try to help you  
- Clippings & I will get out the Mathematics  
I care out of you - your loving J.W.W.