

Chemnitz 12 December 1873

My dear Sir,

Your kind letter of 19 Nov. with enclosure has given me great pleasure, and I hasten to return you my best thanks for it, and to answer its contents, while I have sent you directly after its receipt a little wrapper.

As far as "our being ^{literary} opponents" is concerned, I need not to assure you, that every thing personal or spiteful is far from me; in my perfectly independent position it is only too evident, that ^{it is} only the purely essential, the penetrating into clearness and truth which I have at heart.

I am sorry to say that the number of the Telegrapher dated 12 Nov did not reach me; while I have already received that of 20 Nov; the former is probably delayed owing to the recent storms or been lost entirely. The article about "Quag" is very fit to be reproduced in

Dingle's Journal.

Of my large work about Telegraphy (4 books) I finished a few days ago the correction of one part of the first number. The offer of your kind assistance with regard to the American telegraph relations I accept with great thanks. I possess the 9th edition of your "Modem practice". My work will be about double as bulky as that of Trevolt, will likewise give a more systematical arrangement ^{of the subjects} than that of Schellen's of which very soon a new edition will appear. There will be no trouble whatever with printing in Germany an English translation of my work, and I can readily start the transactions with the publishing house of the German edition in Leipzig. According to your kind communications it seems to be best ^{either} to announce the english ~~editon~~ edition as soon as possible, and

to have (its first part of the first book come out at an early date; the first part of the 2^o book will follow within a short time, I hope about Easter, or - to let pass some time after the publication of Percott's and Shaffner's works. The former perhaps might be preferred.

N: 390 & 403 of the Telegrapher has been sent to me by Mr Ashley, and I have already returned him my thanks. As far as Book I - IX is concerned I first must have a talk with the Director of the Polytechnical School.

Book I of the Journal of the German Austrian Telegraph Union (Privy" Journal) has been sold out for a long time, II - XVI however may be obtained from the publishers / Ernst & Korn in Berlin for about 20 marks.

A photograph of Dr Gintl will hardly to be got, but I will try it in Vienna. It will be easier to get it from C. Fritsch, non Chief Engineer