May 24th, '82

Dear Sir,

I have great pleasure in sending you the only letter which, as far as I can remember, I ever received from your illustrious father. He wrote it me after I had announced him privately that (on my proposal) he had been elected a foreign associate or promoted from a correspon...
writing member to a foreign associate) of the Berlin Academy of Sciences. The address of mine to which the letter alludes, is the Essay: Darwin versus Galvani, which I had read at the Leibniz Meeting of the Academy, July 1876, but which I only then had ventured to send to your father. The words, 'I had forgotten that I had undeniably complicated to you of the difficulty'
of reading German" relate to a phrase your father used in that respect in the only conversation I ever had the honour to hold with him, in London in 1866, when he said: "Nothing short of dire compulsion could make him read a page of German, or something to that effect."

(She underlined words are literal)

Believe me, dear Sir,

sincerely yours,

Edward Vos. Haymow