

And such an eye-piece, if it should be too powerful for your present object glass, might yet be serviceable with a more perfect one, when you are able to procure one, as I hope you may do before long. I should think, if you were to make use of my name to Baker, he would tell you where you might get a little second hand object glass cheaply, if he had not one of the kind himself. Slater is very cheap, for new work, but I should think you might get second-hand more reasonable still. —

I have found the study of Astronomy productive of so much interest and gratification, and that of so noble a kind, that it always gives me especial pleasure to assist any young or inexperienced student, and therefore I was very glad to hear from yourself, and beg that, if you feel so disposed, you would write to me at any time, and tell me of any difficulty that may occur to you, though I am well aware that five minutes talk is worth many letters; but I am so seldom in London that I fear we have not much chance of meeting. I shall be publishing a book on Astronomy next season — probably about November — expressly for the use of young students and amateurs — but I do not think you would find it very useful to yourself, till you are somewhat better provided with