

Hardwick Parsonage, 20
Oct. 28. 1864.

My dear Sir,

I do not like to lose an opportunity of a little chat with you, whenever it may occur, so it does now, since I have to rectify a mistake I made in settling my account with your good Father.

I hear that Mr. With's $8\frac{3}{4}$ inch speculum, which he will kindly allow me to test during the time of the opposition of Mars, promises very splendid definition. I thought it very fine when I saw it, but I think he has retouched it since, & Mr. Key, who is very difficult to please in such matters, seems delighted with it. I do not know whether it is yet silvered - that process sometimes brings out unsuspected errors - but I sh^d. not think it likely to do so in this case. It has the very convenient focus of only about 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. -

I see by the last Monthly Notices that Lassell's work must be very wonderful, as his 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. will divide 7 Coronae.