

The new Moon Committee will soon hold their first meeting, at which I need not say I shall not be present - indeed I am ~~much less~~ <sup>not very</sup> moveable at any time for anything which other people can do as well without me - & just now I am much behind with higher & more important matters: the wedding preparations having interfered a good deal with parochial work (my attendance at Beth, however, & subsequent journey to the Lake of Weymouth, still more.)

~~Having~~ you will be first to tell me of Huggins' wonderful nebula discovery. He has since sent me his paper. It certainly is most marvellous. I have seen Mars twice. He is quite big enough for observation & has a band towards the S. pole coinciding & agreeing with some of <sup>the</sup> best opposition spots, freshened however with no traces of snow-poles. —