

not however manage it. And now my petition is - that some time when you may be passing that way - there not bring the slightest cause for a hasty or purpose journey - you would kindly look in at 5 (or 6) P.N. Row, and ask, whether the said termination of Lowe's British Stars (including Index) is yet to be had. -

The wonders we saw together at Tulse Hill have continued to run in my head more or less ever since - & I took the first of the very scarce opportunities of open sky to look for the 3 neb^{ae} & I found them quite as well shown as $\frac{1}{3}$ the light would show them. That is certainly a glorious glass of Huggins's - but I should like to have seen a big star through it: in the fault of actual trial I have a suspicion that there is a slight degree of flexure in the Obj. from some inadequacy of support. 'Twas a presumptuous thing even to think - but you know I am now an "old salt" and not remarkable for diffidence in my own opinions. - I certainly felt it matter of thankfulness to be experimentally convinced of the unaltered state at present of my own eye - but the change will come - in God's good time.

This letter was broken off here by the relation of a marvellous, well attested short story - not to be

told again - but of the most strongly convincing character. What have Messrs. Syndall, Hurley, et hoc genus omne, to say to these things? -

If you happen to come across a book by a man named Sanford - ~~books~~ ^{Books} & Illustrations of the Great Rebellion - or some similar title, will you kindly give me some notion about it as to size, price, &c. I have ~~an~~ an idea of ordering it for our Book Club, if it should be the right kind of thing.

I have a strong impression that I wanted to tell you or hear from you something else, but it seems to have gone from me. - I have a little scheme of trying to adapt my miniature spectroscope to the reflector, and I cannot but think I could make the Great Neb. in Orion give me a reply. I suppose our Australian friend would be hardly bright enough.

Will you let me know whether you have got Brewster's Optics? H. J. says yes - I think No. Cal. Obj. crawls on - but I must not crawl - there is not so much time ahead - I have crawled too much this many a year -

With my sincerest & cordial regards

D. Effra! mae dyddol! -

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