

sense to show his poetry to some candid friend. I wonder to see a scholarlike man so committing himself.

You will be glad to hear that all "copy" of "Celestial Objects" has left this house for weeks - & that only a sheet or two remain to be printed & revised. The old corrector & cautioning Colonel has made considerable progress also - more than 100 pp. printed - but I have found the correction of both at once a heavy "grind" for eye & brain - & shall be ready to jump for joy when these two tasks are completed. -

I want particularly to tell you & your dear Parents of a most valuable remedy. We wish your dear friends the Hardings at Stratford

the week before last. There we met Lord Denbigh - a person I regret to say, but one of the most amiable & pleasant of men - & from him we heard about a vegetable preparation for the relief of pain which seems to act in the most marvellous way. It is the discovery of an Italian nobleman, Count Mattei, who keeps the secret - and calls his Lincture Vegetable Electricity, a name one regrets as savouring of charlatanism, though the action is a fact, & a marvellous one. Leath & Ross, Homoeop. Chemists, 9 Vere St. Cavendish Sq. are his agents in England, & it is sold in 3 strengths - the white (or colourless) is weakest - this is for cuts or bruises where the skin is broken - when it removes pain instantaneously & induces rapid healing - the Red - or medium strength - generally useful for pain where the skin is not broken, & the yellow, or strongest, about which I know less - but I believe it is used for paralysis -