

suspicion of a Comet's having crossed the ☉ in May 1828. - Do you imagine a small one might do so, & escape notice before & afterwards? Possible, I should suppose, rather than probable.

If I can lay hold of a spare copy of a little periodical I will send it you, as it will give you some account of our doings - and I shall beg the favour of you not merely to look at the parts concerning ourselves, but to read through the whole.

As to Mädler - I feel sure - but can give you no authority for it - that he is Baron von Mädler.

I suppose you will now be deep in the discussion of which I hear so little. Proctor will very soon be gone. I regret the scrimmage between him and Birt, without knowing enough about it to have any opinion which may be in the way; both, perhaps.

We have had very unpleasant weather here - & the Black Mountain was white yesterday evening.

I hope it may be better next week, which we & 2 nieces intend to pass at Abenystwyth. If like today, I had rather be here than there. -

There had not been much stormy weather this autumn - but I have been looking after a few of Schjellerup's Rubrics - in conjunction with my most pleasant & good-humoured ally Birmingham. We generally agree capitally - an index expurgatorius of said Catalogue is much wanted - but it is next to impossible to compile a better, from the difficulty of knowing where orange ends and true red begins. I have had this year another right pleasant correspondent in Dr. Copeland, the L. of Ross's Astrum, who, as well as the Earl, has been very obliging in verifying a little objection about which a Mr. Gotch had asked me a question. The 6ft as well as 3ft. mirror was brought into play upon the occasion. -

I have never heard anything since as to Lord Lindsay & Dr. Serby & the Astrag. Fragments.