would you kindly write my name on the two O Memoirs by Tarby that you have of mine? — The M.S.S. that your Uncle has sent you must be of considerable value; & I should think would well deserve publication. Sir Kenelm Digby & a brother of his (whether this Lord George Digby or not I cannot tell, but I fancy not) had a remarkable controversy as to popery — with the unique (I should think) result, that Each converted the other! — The letters have I believe been published; but if this L. G. Digby should turn out to have been his brother; these letters may have formed part of that controversy. — I have received, with yours, proof of part of my O Essay for Nature. I should think Lockyer will have had enough of me this time. It does not read as well as I anticipated — but I was much hurried & pressed at the time, having 3 lectures on hand, one for the parish & two for Cheltenham: & altogether I was in a mess, on the other side of which I am very thankful to find myself now — though I must immediately plunge myself into fresh heaps of work in connection with my dear father's other publication.

I got, when in Town, one of Browning's achromatic eye-pieces (I had never seen one, save except one of his early attempts). It is said, you cannot have a perfect eye-piece — & this is not so — for the field tho' remarkably flat as to focus, is distorted somewhat towards the edges — nevertheless the light & achromatism are very fine, though in sharpness it is not quite equal to an ancient Huyghenian by Tully, which I get by a happy accident.

Hind's variable nebula Lefos is very small now — 10 mag: — but for colour, there is nothing like it of the many I have seen. Chambers seems to have saved H's memory from a mistake as to his star in Schiller Up. — but it was suspicious enough that there should have been 2 so near together. My little S Orionis continues in an extremely minute phase: & I suspect has an irregular period.

Saturday. I wrote the preceding in a travel-tired & very dull mood last night. This morning (not yet 7 G. M. T.) I have to add best thanks for a little book which I return by Post & hope you will get safely — Young's Lecture on ⊙ which seems to me one of the very nicest on the subject — & which I have found of great use.