

I have at length obtained a very fine telescope, the Object glass  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter, the work of the celebrated American optician Swan Clark of Boston; but for want of a steady stand, ~~have~~ as well as of time which is a very scarce commodity with me, I have been able to make very little use of it. Next winter I trust I may turn it to some account. The focal length is 7 feet, and magnifying power 5 or 600. -

A little work of mine, "Celestial Objects for Common Telescopes," will be published by Longman very shortly. I have had it in hand for a long ~~time~~ <sup>while</sup>, having had so many things to attend to which took up unavoidably a great deal of time, that I could make but slow progress. At first I made it too long, so that my publisher thought the expense would be too great - so I had to ~~bridge~~ <sup>bridge</sup> it - which occupied me 6 weeks - and then he considered that I ~~had~~ <sup>was</sup> overcome it in point of