

-Roman at Hereford - the workmanship of Mr. Little-
having 8 inches aperture & only 6 ft. focus. It was
pointed to a watch face with a power of about 500 -
which it carried right well. Still, there was some-
thing about it which led me to think it might
have done better - & the ingenious maker had seen
within to tell me he has found a great defect in
his "flat" - & has not one that is good - but believes
when he has, his mirrors will perform much better.
In that case, I begin to suspect he will beat me!
And this, an amateur, who never, I believe saw an
optician at work, & never took the subject up till 4
or 5 years ago. This shows what spirit & perseve-
rance will do. He w^d. sell such an instrument
very plainly but efficiently mounted, for £30 or
£40 - Possibly, if his ideas as to the fine figure
of his great mirror sh^d. be justified by its perform-
ance when he gets a really good "flat", he may
ask more - or I think he w^d. be quite war-
ranted in doing.