

I see the reason assigned for the nonappearance of Cook's 25-inch at the Siree was the danger of the journey. I don't, I confess, know how to take this in, & sh<sup>d</sup>? rather refer it to the known, & very annoying, dilatoriness of the party. I find I have now, with the Barlow lens, powers ranging up to 733 - more than ever I sh<sup>d</sup>? wish to use with that aperture. -

Thank you much for your kindness in mentioning my little book. -

I find there is a prospect of my being at the next Meeting of the British Association at Bath, as we have friends in the neighbourhood. Perhaps we may meet there?

With all good wishes & many thanks

believe me, My Dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely