

or would you mention the matter, so that he should write to me? -

Another thing I am anxious about. With his new brought his work to great perfection (much greater than you have seen) My retouched 9.38 min sun w^d. I know easily than 1000 on star-dices - & is sharp with 450 on Moon. The Northumberland telescope at Cambridge is below the mark of the day (at least I know it was considered "nothing particular" years ago) If the authorities there like to go ahead, they cannot do better than give with a job. He would readily undertake 2, perhaps 3 ft. - Alvan Clark has expressed an opinion (which has been published) that large achromatics are not likely to succeed - & the largest sizes now are enormously expensive - much more than specula of corresponding light & power. - And entre nous (but I don't know why it need be entre nous) Guhb, great as he is with O.G.s. is not the man for large specula. His spheres are very fine - his paraboloids are "naught". Chacun à son métier. And it seems a great pity that with his extraordinary talent & great experience - now improved to a very high point - should be idle & ultimately pass unused out of the world. -

My wife's kind love -

Your very affectionate old friend

J. W. Webb

Pray give, in silence, my love to R.S. & the hope that they will live in peace this year!