

Hardwick Vicarage, Easton Ave, 1877.

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My dearest Arthur,

I ~~am~~ ^{was} very sorry to hear of your cousin's disappointment in your previous letter - with respect to the subsequent proposal I don't think much w^d. be gained by an achromatic, because, if nicely counterpoised, there need be no labour in either case. The real difficulty is the exertion necessary for removing either speculum or Obj ~~in~~ out of ∇ in doors, as I presume a telescope-house is out of the question - & that too would involve labour overhauled, the worst possible. All I can suggest is that some kind of out-of-doors stand should be employed, & a water proof cloth thrown over it when not in use, with an effectual contrivance of strings, or buckles to keep it from being blown away. I think with this neatly arranged sitting spec. or Obj might be permanently left in tube - only it might be useful for a servant to remove & replace the cloth. The reflector is best suited for covering up, & because it can be made to work nearer the ground.