

steps may be sometimes required to get the eye-  
piece, but if short focus, they may be very light -  
& the position always much better for an invalid  
than the achrom: - ~~unless~~ a diag: e. p. is used. -  
But of course the reflector tube must be capable  
of rotation in a cradle. -

I am very sorry when about Proctor - but  
still more about Lockyer - that is indeed a very  
miserable prospect for his family as well as him-  
self. I have seen frightful cases, & think it one  
of the saddest of calamities. He has had his  
infirmities (who has not?) & they happen, I  
suppose, to be such as have come a good deal  
before the notice of his fellow-creatures - but af-  
ter all he has done much good work, & will  
bear a name -

But what does that signify?

Very little I think while we live - ~~surely~~  
our happiness really depends on far different

considerations -

And what can it matter to us in a few  
years' time?

I don't question that there is something  
noble in ambition - as there is something  
the reverse in mere vegetation. Only there  
are things so much more noble - so much more  
really grand, & worthy of an immortal spirit.

The heathen might well

"seek the bubble, reputation,

Even in the cannon's mouth" -

(That is supposing there had then been any  
cannon's mouths to seek it in!) But for the  
Christian - can anything be equal to the  
"Well done" - at last? -

May you & I both hear that, dearest Arthur!  
So with our united very kind love I remain

Your very affectionate old friend

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