

for - but enquiries are being made after a purchaser, and it has been supposed that R.A.S. might like to have it - in fact, had it never been tampered with, it would have been a not inelible memorial of the great astronomer ~~had the figure been perfectly intact - but~~ (excuse my writing in such a way - people talking in the room) especially since Sir's Herschel's Telescope has been so miserably ill-treated - but I thought, at any rate I would carry out the wish of the man in charge of it, & mention it to you. Possibly, if not recommendable to our Society, it might yet be thought worth the notice of some Philo-Herschelian among your friends. - Would there be any chance of the Kensington people ~~by~~ buying it? It would no doubt do exceedingly well for practice with young observers. - Or would any of the Herschels

care to know about it? -

I dare say you have kindly borne me in mind as to the dependableness of Mr. Flammarion's Catalogue, & I shall be as quite convenient.

We came back last night from the Cheltenham sojourn (here's the post & I can add my wife's kind love & our united regards with love to you

your affectionate old friend

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