

gets on - more speedily I hope than my  
affair" which like a wounded snake drags  
its slow length along." However I have  
seen proof of Sheet 2. which I think fi-  
nishes Auriga, or nearly so. I have heard  
work of it in revising the current sheets  
& preparing future copy so as not to get  
caught. I don't know what I could have  
done without the kind & very efficient aid  
of Frank, by thro' which I shall gain a  
good deal in correctness. thro' with some  
loss of time in reading W & F. & asking  
& answering questions - occupying hours  
of correspondence instead of minutes of talk.  
Poor Sadler too has been very kind - pres-  
sing volunteers assistance in a way that I  
can't altogether decline. I find however  
that like the rest of us, thro' wonderfully  
painstaking. he now & then makes a good-  
sized mistake.

I am very sorry to tell you of a trouble that  
we have had lately - and which has distressed  
both of us, especially my wife, very much -

the perversion of our greatly-loved niece at  
Chislehurst to the Church of Rome. We were  
especially attached to her - & she had been to  
us - but there is a wide & I fear irreme-  
diable separation now - & we must give  
up the hope we had so especially cherished  
of going to her in the spring, and if spared,  
many a happy time in days to come. -  
But I will not enlarge on this. -

I read with a great deal of interest,  
thro' hastily, your remarks at the meet-  
ing on Sidereal Chromatics - but I know  
you don't mind a bit of friendly discussion  
and will allow your loving old friend to  
differ from you as to the superaddition of eye-  
estimates by the spectroscope. It is a long  
time since I convinced myself that with  
regard to Terrestrial colours the eye was far  
more sensitive than the instrument, and  
as regards stars I'Arrest has shown that  
no <sup>unqualified</sup> inference from the apparent colours  
could be drawn as to the spectrum - that  
is without many exceptions. I have never  
compared, or attempted to compare, stars -