

those days Calver was cheaper a good deal than Witt,  
& with the full cognisance of the latter generous & no-  
ble spirited man, I recommended Calver, who supplied  
him with a 6½ in. mirror of I believe very good quality,  
of which Stevenson has made good use, & reports  
progress to me from time to time. I don't know en-  
ough of his circumstances to say whether it might  
be right to suggest his admission as Corresponding Mem-  
ber - but I will tell him our terms - & this may bring  
out some information. One way or other he is evidently  
the right kind of man to have. —

I forgot to thank you as I ought to have done for  
all the kind trouble you have taken about Frank's affair.  
He (Frank) is getting his observatory into capital or-  
der & going to use electric light - & will do I am sure  
something - & I have been much interested in his ac-  
count of the spirited doings of Canon Beechey. —

By the way, would you tell me who was D.<sup>r</sup> Stal-  
to - & who is D. B. Stallo - & what nation under  
the sun ever turned out such a name? —

There's enough for tonight. Possibly I may see our  
bearded friend again in the morning & if I do I'll add  
something about him. By the way we have got now a  
clearer proof than even that nuclei's doubt, all of them  
at least, revolve on axes. There's a curious exception.  
to all solar & planetary arrangements.  
What has Higgins done? — ~~and~~ I have omitted

to say how pleased I have been, this morning, to see  
so much more of the aspect of the Comet in the pro-  
ceedings of your late Meeting - just filling up, in  
part at least, the great gaps I was complaining of.

Saturday morn<sup>g</sup> - a jolly fog - was up seven  
at times & might as well have been down - on  
my back in bed. —

On second thoughts - partly because my wife &  
self are so interested in the letter we don't like to  
risk it with printers - in case it ever gets so far -  
and partly because it would not be very kind on our  
part to saddle you with the responsibility of its re-  
turn, I have determined to copy out the commu-  
nicable part, which you get herewith - but I should  
like you to see the whole some day. I am sure you  
would be interested in the good fellow.

Prince had sent me a book which I have had  
no time to look into - but I expect will delight  
me - all about my very dear friends of old days,  
Kevelin, Gassendi, &c. - men I think too little  
remembered in our modern hurry & scramble - but  
noble leaders of thought: "giants in the earth". —

By the way, please note - & sh<sup>d</sup> you be at the  
meeting you c<sup>d</sup> point out if you liked, that this seems  
the only instance in which an anomalous tail  
has been prolonged on both sides the nucleus as a