

with discs of satellites. It looks not solid.

Thank you much for kind information about tides - my incredulous neighbour has not turned up yet.

But now I am going to be troublesome again - you'll think there is no end of it. Please try to make the best of it as a compliment to your tried goodnature. -

I want to know why the eye-part of a spectroscope is called a Telescope? If as I fancy the image is that of the slit, is it not rather a long-focused Microscope? I can't see anything of a telescope about it - But I must own that I am rather at sea about the anatomy of the spectroscope - & tho' I have instructions what it does & how to use it I have not such with a drawing of a skeleton (probably has not looked far enough.)

The other question is a much more important one - & I shall feel very much

obliged by one line in return - which I am thankful to say will suffice. You recollect there was a bother about the affairs of my wife's deceased sister. She has a claim ^(my wife's) to a share of the assets - which she is going to make a present of. Query - is there not some modern enactment which gives her a sole right to this? so that I have no control over it - but she would have to sign the receipt & ~~could~~ ^{to the Exor.} do as she pleased with it entirely? - Which I wish her to do.

Pray forgive my giving you this trouble. We shall be obliged by a speedy reply as the affair is being wound up. -

Ever united best love, with every good wish of the coming season -



"The publication of the Hardwick Philosophical Transactions is inevitably postponed."