

51.  
Hardwick Parsonage

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My dear young friend,

Come here for a few days - I shall do you good to go with all the sharpening for a change. Continuous work may sometimes be necessary - but it is after a blunder. I want you very much to see the little observatory, & what a curious specimen can do. (you must bring better weather, things) and in passing this I should I want you to see With - not a thoroughly nice fellow in himself but one of the best specimen-workers in existence. What do you think has



has been lately? You know DeLancey  
wishing to see if it were possible to produce  
better photographs than his admirer  
metel, commissioned Steinheil to make  
him one of the same size = 13 inches.  
Greatly insignificant was the delay  
when it came, it cost £100, - & was  
procured by Mr. D. - as was under-  
stood - a very fine thing, tho' not equal  
to his own. Hearing however  
of With's process, he made him  
an offer of retouching it. - With  
refused - then he would order one

of him - & previously sent down the  
Steinheil to With, to examine. He finds  
it so inferior to his own figuring that  
he wonders how St. C. has allowed  
such a thing to go out - & now I hope  
With's name will be known & he fully  
deserve. He has never made a 13 inch -  
but I have seen his own 12 inch one  
with face with 500. Beautifully  
sharp. You know his mind is not one  
of his best. But with about 600 (the  
aperture being  $\frac{9}{14}$  inches) it perfectly  
spots  $\gamma^2$  Andromeda. If you were to  
ask any of your inventory folks if



they can do that even with their layers  
of particles, with any power.

I'll? who have inherited by part 1500

or with 12 miles, for double stars.

— go will see <sup>next</sup> but: As: the Schmidt  
thinks he has seen the lunar Linné's eruption.

My course at Chelb. ended on Monday - a  
very nice lot of girls - I could have picked you  
out a charming wife - not perhaps the  
prettiest ever seen. —

for your affectionate friend

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