

but a *plena* often inspires, a thing which he really does not, but in practice this error is soon discovered, and then necessity compels one to understand what he is doing. — Whatever work the Department should ever assign to me even if I had never done ^{the like} — I will do it. — O, Perseverance you are a charm.

- Monday 16
Cold
night 28° F. Buoy computing occultations, also working them out graphically. — At night got transit fairly well adjusted by star observations.
- Tuesday 17
Cool, cloudy Buoy computing. Began observing at night but Moon clouded.
- Wednesday 18
fine Buoy computing. At night observed transits for time.
- Thursday 19
cloudy
pleasant Buoy computing &c. Cloudy at night.
- Friday 20
windy cloudy
pleasant Buoy computing, & working out occultations graphically. Late at night it cleared somewhat & I got transits for time. I am anxiously waiting for my new equatorial, so that I can observe the phenomena of Jupiter's satellites. There is a good upright piano in the house, & I occasionally pass some time in a musical soiree.
- Saturday 21
pleasant Finished my computations of predictions for occultations. In afternoon spent some time with Dr Furzer at his office, chatting, smoking & enjoying a bottle of claret. While there Mrs. M. took care to see the Dr. — I retired — ~~When~~ the Dr. recalled me, she remaining for some time & drinking a pot of porter. She is to my mind a woman of ordinary calibre, ~~and~~ ^{and} with some good dash, and copies to higher regions — but also — and will