

June

The last few words of Dr. Crawford as given by Mr. D. almost brought tears to my eyes. —

The other piece was also well rendered, the character portrayed being very real. — Altogether I was well pleased with him and not regretted my dollar.

Tuesday 5
pleasant

This morning W. F. King & his father arrived. We were busy about the observatory during the day and in the evening made some observations for adjustments. — I then went to Levi St. Elts, being the occasion of the 24th anniversary of their marriage. I took with me some fruit, he however intended I did not get in time for tonight. — Mr. Gossell & George Elt were also there and we spent a very pleasant evening together. Going home I persuaded George Elt to come with me to my room, where we chatted till near 3 a.m.

Wednesday 6
fine
warm

Busy at observatory. In the evening King & I set up our new equatorial, anxiously I waited for sundown to point it on Jupiter, soon my wish was gratified and what a pretty sight it was, then Mars was viewed, although little of interest was to be seen; but when Saturn was in the field the eye glories to hang on this orb. Next I pointed it on Polaris & for the first time saw his little Companion faithfully following him in his slow motion in the "Frigid" regions. Then I began sweeping the heavens. What transcendent beauty the stars have especially those of the high magnitudes. Countless orbs present in view, many of them in pairs as if too lonesome to pass through life unpaired. Being provided with a transit & equatorial one's interest in astronomy can never flag. —

— Our equatorial is a Newtonian reflector of $8\frac{1}{2}$ " aperture and a little over five feet focal length. As we are not going to do any work with it we mounted it only temporarily in the yard. I found my neck somewhat stiff from observing, having been obliged to twist the head & body in all directions for setting the telescope & then observing, for many hours being obliged to stand on a chair.