

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 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage. I took with me some fruit, he however intended I did not get in time for tonight. — Mr. Gouelle & 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 handsome to pass through life unmarried. 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.



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 Coming home at midnight King & I sat up in my room & smoked & chatted till near 4 a.m.

Monday 7  
 rainy  
 I did not arise till noon. In afternoon I was busy with the clockmaker setting up the sidereal clock. In evening I spent it at Levi's table.

Friday 8  
 cloudy  
 rainy  
 Busy with getting clock adjusted. - In afternoon started on batteries and electrical apparatus. - The evening being cloudy I spent it at Levi's table. Coming home at midnight met King when we retired to my room smoked, talked astronomy &c till near 4 a.m.

Saturday 9  
 fine  
 warm  
 Busy at observatory with batteries &c. In the evening Chief Factor Horace Belanger visited me in my room where was also King. He was delighted to see me and quickly the time flew as we chatted of our acquaintance of four years ago when I was on my way to Hudson Bay and he so hospitably received me at Cumberland House. Later Sheriff Dudgeon & La-mayor Lafare joined us, they desiring to see Mr. Belanger. At about 11 P.M. King & I took them to the observatory where we delighted them by views through our 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " reflector. After their departure King & I did some work.

Sunday 10  
 fine  
 In evening Mr. King<sup>+</sup> spent at the observatory till after midnight, and mostly with the reflector. The night was especially good, so that the highest power I could well be used, but the beauty of the heavens is better revealed by a low power. With ecstasy I gazed upon the Milky Way, the countless or to studding the firmament like brilliants, how beautiful the binaries are, so fraternally wandering side by side through space, - what searching and enquiring thoughts pass through the mind when beholding with intent that mysterious body - the ring nebula in Hercules. Uranus not being visible to the naked eye yet <sup>after</sup> a short search for him I found him. Jupiter that monarch of planets with his four satellites is in a very good position now and a magnificent spectacle.