

and gave instructions regarding the final work to be done on the general table to render it entirely ready for the printer. Saw Mr. King, and got from him four chart plates taken on Saturday evening for one of the missing minor planets. Examined the plates and found on them an object showing motion. Mr. King did not give me the name of the object for which the plates had been taken and the record books had been returned to the laboratory. However, Miss M. Stevens and I read up, independently, the position of the object for 1855. Just as we finished this, the Director came over and we found that the object found was Fortuna, one of the best known of the asteroids. Two of the photographs covered the region of three other asteroids but in a second examination I failed to find them. The remainder of the afternoon was devoted mainly to Miss Cannon's "remarks". This takes more time and concentration of thought than any manuscript I have worked on since we put Miss Maury's Volume (XXVIIIth) through the printer's hands. If one could only go on and on with original work, looking for new stars, variables, classifying spectra and studying their peculiarities and changes, life would be a most beautiful dream; but you come down to its realities when you have to put all that is most interesting to you aside, in order to use most of your available time preparing the work