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John Saunders Muir, Esq., 15 Harrington Square ;
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 George Hamilton, Esq., Egremont, Cheshire ; and
 William Tomlinson, Esq., Grove Lodge, York,
 were balloted for and duly elected Fellows of the Society.

Dr. Brünnow, Ann Arbor, Michigan ;
 Lieut. M. F. Maury, U.S.N., Director of the National Observatory, Washington ; and
 Dr. Benj. Althorpe Gould, Cambridge, Massachussets,
 were balloted for and duly elected Associates of the Society.

Professor Hansen has announced in a letter to the Astronomer Royal that his Lunar Tables are steadily advancing towards completion. The Lords of the Admiralty have assigned to him an additional grant of 100*l.* towards defraying the expense of their construction.

The *Astronomical Journal*, edited by Dr. B. A. Gould, may be obtained of Messrs. Trübner and Co., 12 Paternoster Row, who have been appointed agents for the sale of that publication in England. It is published at irregular intervals in numbers twenty-four of which form a volume. The price of each volume is 25*s.*

Extract of a Letter from Thomas Maclear, Esq. on the Observations of Schweizer's Comet (Comet II. 1853).

“ I hasten to submit to the Royal Astronomical Society with the least practicable delay the accompanying REVISAL copy of the observations made here on Schweizer’s Comet.

“ On receiving last Tuesday the Society’s Notice, No. 8, vol. xiv., which contains Professor Challis’s determination of the mean places of the stars compared with the comet, I referred to Notice No. 1 of the same volume to collate the approximate places

sent from hence, when the accidental sight of an expression detected an oversight in the reduction of a considerable portion of the comet comparisons,—viz. the measures on the parallel for differences in right ascension by means of the micrometer screw (marked by the letter *d* in column 8) were inadvertently multiplied instead of divided by *sine north polar distance*; and the signs of those of May 20, 21, and June 4, should be changed.

“The present paper represents the observations corrected for the effect of refraction; and I rather hope than expect that it may be received in time to prevent any use being made of the former communication for the elements of the orbit. Moreover, I shall exceedingly regret if the oversight above mentioned should impair the confidence these observations deserve.

THOMAS MACLEAR.

“P.S. Referring to the original register of the observations for the approximate place of star No. 21, where there is a diagram of the field of the telescope, there must have been an error in copying, for the difference in R.A. is there entered + 4^s, and in polar distance — 11' 17".

“On referring this week to the heavens, I find by micrometric measurement, corrected for refraction, + 4^s.455 and — 11' 23".18. Applying these numbers to the mean place of star 20 given by Professor Challis, the R.A. of star 21 is 7^h 11^m 19^s.33, N.P.D. 103° 26' 24".55.”

*Revised Copy of the Observations made on Schweizer's Comet
at the Cape of Good Hope. By Thomas Maclear, Esq.*

The observations are corrected for refraction only.

The letters *t* and *d* in column 8 denote respectively the right ascension differences obtained by transits, or by the subtense of the spider lines as given by the micrometer scale.

1853.	Cape	Differ-	No. of	Differ-	No. of	No. of
	Mean	ence in	Obs. in	ence in	Obs. in	Star.
	Time.	R.A.	R.A.	N.P.D.	N.P.D.	
May 1	7 46 28.10	...	...	+ 2 50.24	2	1
	7 56 37.29	-1 46.532	2	...	...	t
	8 6 17.36	...	...	+ 3 38.17	2	1
	8 26 37.32	...	...	+ 4 25.86	5	1
	8 37 17.28	-0 34.479	1	...	...	t
3	7 19 49.87	...	...	+ 5 12.82	3	2
	7 42 23.62	-1 12.658	4	...	...	t
	7 42 23.62	-1 34.739	4	3
	7 42 23.62	-1 53.530	4	4
	7 56 28.52	+ 5 25.34	3	2
	8 10 29.46	-0 50.447	3	2

Clouded on the 2d.

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1853.	Cape	Differ-	No. of	Differ-	No. of	No. of
	Mean	ence in	Obs. in	ence in	Obs. in	Star.
	Time.	R.A.	R.A.	N.P.D.	N.P.D.	
	h m s	m s		' "		
May 3	9 11 36.35	-o 1.623	8	...	...	2 t
	9 18 32.71	...	...	+ 5 41.45	1	2
4	6 35 11.59	...	...	- 4 56.02	2	5
	6 57 18.62	+o 34.348	9	...	...	5 t
	6 57 18.62	-o 17.970	9	...	...	6 t
	7 14 42.60	...	...	- 3 19.55	2	6
	7 22 54.73	-o 3.370	9	...	...	6 t
	7 35 59.60	...	...	- 3 20.31	2	6
	8 8 11.72	+o 25.340	5	...	...	6 t
	8 30 21.54	...	...	- 3 19.85	3	6
	8 44 49.83	+o 44.486	3	...	...	6 t
	8 10 53.45	-i 22.002	3	...	...	7 t
	8 30 21.54	...	...	- i 4.42	3	7
	8 50 28.63	-o 58.841	6	...	...	7 t
	9 13 5.16	...	...	- i 7.67	2	7
5	7 0 27.44	...	...	+ 11 28.42	1	8
	7 37 17.49	-7 29.912	1	...	...	8 t
7	7 3 43.40	+i 14.379	4	...	...	9 t
	7 19 37.18	...	...	- 10 13.21	2	9
	7 36 1.49	+i 22.408	3	...	...	9 t
	8 3 37.29	...	...	- 10 23.67	3	9
	9 -3 57.54	...	...	- 10 31.27	2	9
	9 11 16.84	+i 47.781	1	...	...	9 t
	7 3 43.40	-o 46.079	4	...	...	10 t
	7 25 34.21	...	...	- 7 36.70	2	10
	7 36 1.49	-o 37.838	3	...	...	10 t
	8 35 1.80	...	...	- 7 52.92	2	10
	9 11 16.84	-o 12.661	1	...	...	10 t
8	6 23 36.26	-o 34.350	4	...	...	11 t
	6 44 36.46	...	...	- i 28.88	2	11
	6 23 36.26	-i 1.502	4	...	...	12 t
	6 50 2.67	...	...	+ 3 59.82	2	12
	6 23 36.26	-2 20.278	4	...	...	13 t
	7 0 22.20	...	...	+ 10 54.81	3	13
9	7 2 3.47	+2 31.153	2	...	...	13 t
	7 30 53.78	+2 36.305	1	...	...	13 t
	7 43 20.78	...	...	+ 6 47.17	3	13
	8 2 31.62	+2 42.029	5	...	...	13 t
	8 19 33.00	...	...	+ 6 39.63	2	13

- May 5. Owing to clouds these observations only could be obtained.
 7. Angle of position of comet's tail, $118^{\circ} 40'$. No. 10 is in the comet's tail.
 9. Angle of position of comet's tail, $121^{\circ} 30'$. Nucleus remarkably bright.

1853.	Cape Mean Time.	Differ- ence in R.A.	No. of Obs. in R.A.	Differ- ence in N.P.D.	No. of Obs. in N.P.D.	No. of Star.
	h m s	m s	...	' "	2	14
May 10	7 11 44.27	...	...	-3 6.40	2	14
	7 30 39.76	+o 27.602	1	...	...	14 t
11	6 36 25.27	+o 44.368	3	...	...	15 t
	7 0 34.48	...	...	+5 37.06	4	15
	7 21 27.38	+o 50.129	4	...	...	15 t
	8 12 59.09	...	...	+5 20.65	4	15
	8 32 5.06	+o 58.440	4	...	...	15 t
	6 36 25.27	-i 37.933	3	...	...	16 t
	7 0 34.48	...	...	+i 2.07	4	16
	7 21 27.38	-i 32.201	4	...	...	16 t
	8 12 59.09	...	...	+o 45.13	4	16
	8 32 5.06	-i 23.953	4	...	...	16 t
12	6 41 44.35	...	...	+i 20.44	6	17
	6 54 57.74	-o 1.515	8	...	...	17 d
	7 2 55.05	-o 0.727	9	...	...	17 d
	7 15 7.60	...	...	+i 14.82	9	17
	7 36 9.97	+o 2.656	14	...	...	17 d
	8 10 38.13	...	...	+i 5.85	5	17
	8 19 36.27	+o 7.158	5	...	...	17 d
14	7 27 56.82	...	...	-5 52.53	3	17
	8 4 32.88	+4 28.769	5	...	...	17 t
	8 42 50.40	...	...	-6 6.18	5	17
15	6 32 58.31	...	...	+3 34.95	5	18
	6 49 34.79	-o 37.701	5	...	...	18 t
	7 7 42.58	-o 36.625	5	...	...	18 d
	7 24 52.76	...	...	+3 27.48	5	18
	7 40 2.46	-o 34.625	5	...	...	18 d
	7 49 22.93	...	...	+3 22.72	5	18
	8 0 34.68	-o 33.223	5	...	...	18 d
	8 11 40.64	...	..	+3 20.33	5	18
16	6 20 43.76	...	...	+7 42.41	5	19
	6 32 35.81	-o 27.532	5	...	...	19 d
	6 40 49.26	...	...	+7 38.85	5	19
	6 53 34.76	-o 26.166	5	...	...	19 d
	7 3 28.35	...	...	+7 37.75	5	19
	7 14 24.55	-o 24.868	5	...	...	19 d
	7 21 15.63	...	...	+7 33.79	5	19

May 10. Clouded after these observations.

11. Angle of position of comet's tail, $115^{\circ} 40'$. Nucleus less bright; halo round the head more diffused.

12. Angle of position of comet's tail, $117^{\circ} 30'$

14. " " " 118 0 Clouds.

15. " " " 117 35

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1853.	Cape Mean Time.	Differ- ence in R.A.	No. of Obs. in R.A.	Differ- ence in N.P.D.	No. of Obs. in N.P.D.	No. of Star.
	h m s	m s		' "	...	
May 16	7 37 17.40	-0 23.256	5	...	...	19 d
	7 49 10.05	...	...	+7 28.26	5	19
	7 57 44.84	-0 22.118	5	...	...	19 d
	8 21 20.18	...	...	+7 23.12	5	19
17	6 15 6.14	-0 17.635	5	...	...	20 d
	6 16 0.00	-0 22.284	5	...	...	21 d
	6 58 51.77	...	...	-7 56.53	5	20
	7 5 4.55	...	...	+3 26.32	5	21
	7 16 43.34	-0 14.416	5	...	...	20 d
	7 18 12.00	-0 19.047	5	...	...	21 d
	7 28 54.65	...	...	-8 0.01	5	20
	7 34 51.87	...	...	+3 26.49	5	21
	7 47 36.38	-0 12.801	5	...	...	20 d
	7 48 38.21	-0 17.328	5	...	...	21 d
	8 4 19.63	...	...	-8 0.36	5	20
	8 9 58.11	...	...	+3 17.34	5	21
20	6 42 20.46	-0 13.130	5	...	...	22 d
	6 49 23.50	...	...	-0 48.62	5	22
	6 55 1.77	-0 12.631	5	...	...	22 d
	7 2 55.48	...	...	-0 51.64	5	22
	7 8 59.68	-0 11.939	5	...	...	22 d
	7 15 43.57	...	...	-0 50.25	5	22
	7 21 17.66	-0 11.499	5	...	...	22 d
21	6 41 26.83	...	...	+6 3.15	5	23
	6 49 47.26	+0 15.169	5	...	...	23 d
	6 55 44.28	...	...	+6 3.05	5	23
	7 2 29.57	+0 15.464	5	...	...	23 d
	7 9 28.82	...	...	+6 1.23	5	23
23	6 35 26.93	...	...	+7 51.42	5	24
	6 48 36.57	-0 2.862	5	...	...	24 d
	7 0 21.44	-0 2.726	5	...	...	24 d
	7 9 41.51	-0 2.275	5	...	...	24 d
	7 18 44.82	...	...	+7 41.29	5	24
28	6 27 55.21	...	...	+4 55.45	5	25
	6 45 59.48	-0 31.904	5	...	...	25 d
	6 56 48.34	-0 31.935	5	...	...	25 d
	7 6 1.61	...	...	+4 51.99	5	25
29	6 13 20.56	-0 6.919	5	...	...	25 d

May 17. Angle of position of comet's tail $118^{\circ} 45'$.

20. The comet is faint, partly owing to the moonlight. The tail barely distinguishable.

23. Thin clouds. The comet is very indistinct.

29. The comet is very faint.

1853.	Cape Mean Time.	Differ- ence in R.A.	No. of Obs. in R.A.	Differ- ence in N.P.D.	No. of Obs. in N.P.D.	No. of Star.
	h m s	m s	...	' "	5	25
May 29	6 20 29.69	-o 6.573	5	... 2 32.25	...	25 d
	6 29 17.02	... 6.573	5	... 2 30.35	5	25
	6 35 10.81	... 6.273	5	... 2 5.16	5	25
	6 40 52.64	+o 38.938	5	... 2 9.65	5	25 d
31	6 24 32.60	+o 38.917	5	... 2 10.96	5	26
	6 31 0.12	... 38.865	5	... 2 11.96	5	26
	6 37 46.37	+o 38.865	5	... 2 12.96	5	26 d
	6 46 57.97	... 38.865	5	... 2 13.96	5	26
	6 54 6.78	+o 38.865	5	... 2 14.96	5	26 d
June 1	6 27 12.98	... 38.865	5	... 2 15.96	5	26
	6 34 57.26	-o 50.387	5	... 2 16.96	...	26 d
	6 41 52.68	... 50.387	5	... 2 17.95	5	26
	6 50 17.87	-o 49.796	5	... 2 18.95	...	26 d
	7 14 34.44	-o 48.083	3	... 2 19.95	...	26 t
	7 14 34.44	+i 0.237	3	... 2 20.95	...	26 t
	7 24 49.65	... 0.237	3	... 2 21.62	5	25
2	6 27 25.54	+i 18.965	3	... 2 22.62	...	25 t
	6 45 16.64	... 18.965	3	... 2 23.62	4	25
	7 1 22.02	+i 19.253	2	... 2 24.62	...	25 t
	6 27 25.54	-i 24.261	3	... 2 25.62	...	27 t
	6 45 16.64	... 24.261	3	... 2 26.62	4	27
	7 1 22.02	-i 23.896	2	... 2 27.62	...	27 t
3	6 36 53.39	... 23.896	2	... 2 28.62	5	26
	6 45 8.39	-o 11.989	5	... 2 29.62	...	26 d
	6 52 20.58	... 11.989	5	... 2 30.62	5	26
4	7 7 22.67	... 11.989	5	... 2 31.62	i	26
	7 13 12.69	+o 5.810	2	... 2 32.62	...	26 d
	7 25 19.64	... 5.810	2	... 2 33.62	2	26
5	6 34 48.27	... 5.810	2	... 2 34.62	3	26
	6 45 21.34	+o 22.608	5	... 2 35.62	...	26 d
	6 55 12.79	... 22.608	5	... 2 36.62	3	26
7	6 35 58.61	... 22.608	5	... 2 37.62	3	26
	6 47 3.93	+o 54.498	10	... 2 38.62	...	26 d
	6 58 43.86	... 54.498	10	... 2 39.62	5	26
	7 16 36.13	+o 54.550	10	... 2 40.62	...	26 t
	7 31 40.34	... 54.550	10	... 2 41.62	2	26
8	6 49 9.52	+i 8.199	5	... 2 42.62	...	26 t
	7 7 54.37	... 8.199	5	... 2 43.62	10	26
	7 26 44.26	+i 9.505	3	... 2 44.62	...	26 t

- June 1. The measurements diminish in precision owing to the faintness of the comet.
 3. The comet is very faint.
 4. Generally clouded. These observations only could be obtained.