

by MM. Romberg and Tietjen, from the Berlin Observations of the 14th and 24th Sept. and 8th Oct. 1860, (see *Ast. Nach.* No. 1281, where there is also given a slightly different set of elements calculated by Dr. Seeling of the Glasgow Observatory).

Epoch, 1860, Sept. 24, 51684.	
Mean longitude .....	334 <sup>o</sup> 55' 19"
Excentricity .....	9 25 52
Longitude of perihelion.....	40 11 4
Longitude of node ... ..	126 56 45
Inclination .....	2 14 15
Diurnal motion .... ..	636''·320
Log. mean distance .....	0,497554

The name *Erato* has been given to this planet.

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#### Discovery of a New Comet.

In Leverrier's *Bulletins* of the 25th and 26th Oct. is contained the intelligence of the discovery of a new comet by M. Tempel at Marseilles. The following approximate place is given by M. Villarceau in the *Bulletin* of the 26th Oct.

		R.A.	Decl.
	<sup>h</sup> <sup>m</sup>	<sup>h</sup> <sup>m</sup> <sup>s</sup>	<sup>o</sup> <sup>'</sup>
Oct. 25	15 30 Paris	10 5 18	+ 31 26

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#### MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Mr. Norman Robert Pogson has been appointed Astronomer at the Madras Presidency.

Sir John Herschel has forwarded to one of the Secretaries a letter from Prof. Erman, of Berlin, which he desires to bring before the notice of the Society. The following is the substance of the letter in question:—

“The Prussian Government contemplate erecting a bust of Bessel on the outside of the University-buildings at Königsberg, where it will range with those of other celebrities. The sculptor, Herr Siemering, who has prepared the bust from existing representations of Bessel, wishes to obtain orders for a copy or copies of his work, which is suited for erection in a public place, and is regarded by Prof. Erman as a faithful likeness. At his request, Prof. Erman has forwarded a photograph taken from the original to Sir J. Herschel, desiring

him to bring H. Siemering's proposal before English astronomers, and to say, at the same time, that copies on a reduced scale can be supplied if desired. The original bust is about double life-size. The photograph can be seen at the apartments of the Society."

Address, Herr Bildhauer Siemering, durch H. Geheim Ober-Baurath Stüber, Berlin.

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1. Gregorian reflecting telescope, with 6-inch speculum, on firm iron stand, with equatoreal motion, three eye-glasses ranging in power from 120 to 600.

2. Newtonian reflecting telescope, with 11-inch speculum, on firm iron stand, with two eye-glasses.

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