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My dear Professor Tacchini,

I was very glad to receive your paper for the Journal. It arrived just too late for the March number, but will be published in April. It was a pleasure to hear from you again, and to know that you were well.

I enclose a money order for twenty dollars as a small additional subscription to the Secchi memorial telescope fund. When I was in Rome I was able to give you <sup>only</sup> a very insignificant amount, which in no wise represented my interest in the project. The amount I now send is also small, but I hope to be able to add something to it in the future. You may at least be sure of my genuine interest in the plan, which I should be only too glad to assist in any way. Have you received any new subscriptions of late? Do you

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not think that a statement in the Astrophysical Journal regarding the plan might be of service? If you will write such a statement I shall be very glad to print it, with some remarks of my own. It might perhaps bring you some new subscriptions.

Have you ever considered the possibility of procuring a reflector instead of a refractor? For stellar spectroscopic work the former is undoubtedly far superior to the latter, and the cost is relatively very small. As you probably know the speculum for a 4 foot silver-on-glass reflector costs only about \$4400. (Brashear). The mounting is also relatively inexpensive. I shall soon have a paper in the Journal on a new form of mounting for reflectors which seems to me better than any other ~~for~~ for spectroscopic work.

With best regards and good wishes from Mrs. Hale and myself, I am

Yours very sincerely,  
Are you not coming to the dedication of the George E. Hale  
<sup>Observatory</sup> September or October? We are very anxious to have you there.

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