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My dear Professor Tacchini, I regretted very much to learn from your last kind letter that you cannot be present at the dedication of the Yerkes Observatory, as we had all counted on seeing you. If you by any possibility find later that you can come you must do so by all means - you would receive a very warm welcome.

I have just written to Signor Levi as you suggested. Of course if the telescope is to be used for planetary observations, double stars, etc., there is good reason to doubt whether a reflector would serve as well as a refractor. But I suppose the principal work may be in stellar spectroscopy, on account of Tacchi's interest in this subject, and for this I am free to say I would rather have a large reflector than a nearly

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equally large refractor.

Do you know whether the Society of the Lincei, in Rome, ever presents sets of its publications or any of the volumes to observatories? I am very anxious to procure such of the volumes as contain astrophysical papers for the library of the Yerkes Observatory, and as we have at present only about

two hundred dollars to expend for books, and have as yet purchased none,
I do not think we can afford to purchase them. As those of us that are engaged in spectroscopic work have frequent occasion to consult these papers, I hope the Society may be willing to donate its publications to our library, as several important scientific societies have already done. We shall of course be pleased to send all of the publications of the Observatory to the Society as fast as they appear, and we can also send some of our photographic results if they are desired.

Trusting that you can conveniently give me some information on these points, I am
Very sincerely yours
George E. Hale

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P.S. I send you under separate cover
a copy of our first Bulletin, and should
be glad if you cared to publish any part
of it, including the request for publications,
in the *Memorie*. If, however, you do not wish
to publish matter of this kind, by no means
give up your valuable space to it.

I congratulate you most heartily on the
recent great improvement in the paper and
press-work of the *Memorie*. It is a very
handsome journal in its new form.

G. E. H.