



Meteor at Trowbridge

TO THE EDITOR OF THE DEVIZES GAZETTE

REMARKABLE METEOR

Dear Sir

Thinking that the following may prove interesting to your readers. I take the liberty of forwarding it to you:-

Last night (Friday) Sept, 25th, about a quarter before ten p.m., we were suddenly alarmed at the appearance of a meteor bursting over this part of the country. The day had been fine but cloudy, the wind N.N.W. to S.W., rough morning but still night, barometer 29.58. About 10 minutes before 10 p.m., the country was suddenly illuminated by a most intense light, it appeared as though the sun was shining, the country visible for miles round. This meteor appeared about two yards in diameter when first seen, (in some places rather less), which was directly above us, when it gradually descended and surrounded the earth, to what extent I can say. It then disappeared and all was quiet. I calculate the height of it when first seen to be about 30 miles, its duration about a minute and a half, and the rate at which it descended about 80 miles a minute. This evening (Saturday), I witnessed another phenomenon in the S.E. It appeared as though the full moon was shining; the atmosphere has during the week been leaded with electricity. The inhabitants of Trowbridge were greatly alarmed at the sight of it. A gentleman was returning from Bradford when his horse took fright at it, but fortunately escaped unhurt.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,
J.A. FRYER
Trowbridge, Wiltshire, Sept. 26th, 1846.

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