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Preliminary Note on the Possible Existence of two Independent Stellar Systems. By F. A. Bellamy and H. H. Turner, D.Sc., F.R.S., Savilian Professor.

The authors desire to withdraw this paper. It was intimated in the January number of the *Monthly Notices* that some numerical corrections had been found necessary ; but it was not possible to say at the time how far the main conclusions would be affected. On going carefully through the work it is found that the correction is unfortunately vital, and the trace of a double polarity which now remains is practically negligible

Note on a New Star in the Constellation of Gemini.
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The circumstances attending the discovery of a *Nova* are perhaps of sufficient general interest to warrant their being given in some detail. On the night of March 16 I was exposing plates in zone $+30^\circ$ required to complete that zone for the Astrographic Survey, and among the few required was that with the coordinates of the centre of the plate equal to $6^h 36^m +30^\circ$. Having some difficulty in identifying the star for which I had set the micrometer scales and instrument, owing to its faintness (8.6) in an illuminated field, I decided to use a bright star which I thought was in the same field of view and less than half a réseau interval away. I accordingly moved the scales and brought the bright star into bisection, and exposed the plate for 6^m , and also gave it 4^m and 20^s .

Whilst exposing the plate Mr. H. C. Plummer came into the Dome and asked if he could help. I remarked to him that I had