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Baracchi and the Great Melbourne Telescope

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At the first Pietro Baracchi conference, we learned that Baracchi was credited with the discovery of two objects in the New General Catalog (NGC), and while reference was found to another “29 new or not identified [nebulae], found by Mr Baracchi” details of these were not known. In this presentation we will continue this story, learning that one of the two nebulae for which Baracchi is credited is in fact an error, but that Baracchi did indeed discover a number of nebulae with the Great Melbourne Telescope. The reason these discoveries are not more widely appreciated will be considered.

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