

Brighton Sept: 9. /69

My dear Dawson

I received your letter about
your son George in the evening of Sept
8th

I shall be happy to do for an amiable
youth all within my power. It is a
pleasure and a duty -

What I hear more precisely I shall do
nothing more than write to Sheridge
of whom I know far more than of any
other Jersey Street man - in order

to ascertain the mode and place of living
in use among the students of the School
of mines - and they seem to be respecta-
ble and hard working -

What is best for them is best for your son -
and it may lead to decent companions in
such a dangerous place as London -

Where these students reside I have no idea
- as I never had any acquaintance with
these.

We should wish George to come to our house
on his arrival in London - there to reside
for a week or so - until he has found
lodgings - altho from increased infirmities
we have given up all company -

My wife is a martyr to rheumatism -
and after having been blind a year, suffered
extraction of crystalline lens, last Autumn
- but this need not prevent our showing you
the kindness we now proffer -

Sir Rodene M. has been some weeks in

in the Highlands - I saw Sir Charles Lyell
in Nottinghamshire a month ago - what
he was about I do not know. -

I have been here about a month - and
am going N.Y. to Folkestone till the
1st of October - Every one is out of town

I have no doubt but you have made
up your mind about this matter in a hurry
- or you would not have left your
friends unprepared to receive and guide
your son - most, if not all, away from
London -

Having no connections in London with
business people, I cannot refer to any
house for George to board in - the
best thing for him - Perhaps Dr. Davies
of Regent's Park College knows such
people - Or he might board at the

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at the College itself which would be most
desirable - I can see Dr Davies and ask
him if he knows of any family with which
to board - For a young man to be in
solitary lodgings - is far too hazardous in
every way. -

Malbury is a charming place - Nobody speaks
of the cannon ball Garrets I saw there in
Greys - north side of bay -

I have not observed any notice of the Ches-
siter - in American periodicals. -

I have been made F.R.S. almost wholly
thro' Murchison - without any hint on my
part to any body - with apologies for
being so late -

With kindest regards to Mrs & Miss Dawson
and to George who prefers "learning to land" -

I am my dear Dawson

Sincerely yours

J. J. Bigsby

