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My Dear Dr Dawson

I write to congratulate you on the complete success of your son. The result of the various examination papers was sent into today. Your son has won the Director General's prize, viz a bronze medal and a prize of books which he may select, value about £20 or £25. Also the Duke of Cornwall's prize (Prince of Wales) £30 a-year for two years that is to say £30 each year. It gave me the greatest pleasure that your son so highly distinguished himself. His marks in my

examination amounted to  
99 out of 100.

He will probably  
start on Monday for Keswick  
in Cumberland to join Mr  
Ward on the Lower Silesian  
rocks there.

I saw him yesterday, when  
he was so timid that he thought  
he would not come today to hear  
how he had succeeded, so he is  
modest as well as meritorious.  
But I foreseeing the result advised  
him to come, though I could  
not then with propriety tell him  
what it would be.

The Coal Commission  
will begin to prepare its final  
report next Tuesday. 850 years  
of coal at the rate of the

present Consumption 110,000,000  
tons a-year, yet <sup>in the known coal fields</sup> untouched, within  
reach, to which I will add  
about 5 or 600 years more  
concealed beneath Permian  
& New Red Sandstone strata.

Give my congratulations on  
her soon success to Mr. Dawson  
& believe me

Yours very sincerely  
And<sup>rs</sup> Faraday