

Parkes

Optical & Mathematical Instrument Works,

5 & 6, St. Mary's Row,

J. PARKES & SON.

BIRMINGHAM,

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Dear Dr. Dawson

I have been pleased to  
receive your kind note:  
and to learn that the  
Microscopes arrived safely  
and were approved.

I hope it will not be long  
before a further supply  
will be required.

You will, perhaps,  
remember seeing in our  
Stall, at the Birmingham Exhibition  
a fine Equatorial Telescope  
with  $5\frac{1}{4}$  inch Objective.

This instrument was, in every

respect, finished with Extra  
Care: and the objective is  
an unusually fine one, -  
which I have many times  
tested on all classes of  
Celestial objects.

As we have not yet  
disposed of this instrument:  
it has occurred to me that  
you might perhaps, persuade  
the College authorities, to have  
this for College use. It  
would be a fine adjunct  
to your Scientific instruments.

Or - what would be better  
could not some of your  
wealthy Citizens be persuaded  
to make a present of such  
an instrument to the  
College: and thus follow  
the noble example set by

additions which would raise  
this sum.

If you would  
entertain the above proposal  
we would fix the price at

£120. 0. 0

This would be

for the complete instrument with  
driving clock a battery of  
5 Eye pieces. + a diagonal  
E.R. with reversible prism for  
both Sun and Star observation

Board of the United States  
Philanthropists?

If you think there  
would be any probability  
of this being thought about,  
I would quote a special  
net price - which should  
not exceed the actual cost  
of the instrument.

Hoping to hear from  
you on the subject -  
believe me - with kind regards

Yours very sincerely -  
L. H. Parkes.

P.S. The ordinary wholesale price  
of an instrument of this size  
is £170. but this kind several