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Dear Papa

Yesterday afternoon I had to go
I call at Dr Carpenters & Col Lyells.
on the way back across Regent Park I
met Sir C. & Lady Lyell. He asked me to
tell you that he had received your P.S.I. Report
& intended to write, but could not do
so at present as he is just finishing
his new edition of Principles, of which
he hopes to send you a copy soon.

I have read the report carefully. The only
present chance of mineral wealth seems to
lie in the copper ore. But I suppose there
is no quantity to be obtained. Has the ore been
tried for silver? Much of the Value of the

Foremost Copper Slate depends on its
argentiferous character.

I will enclose a list of Junod's objections
as you request, which I received in answer
to my enquiries. His prices have been
brought up to the present figure by a recent
rise of 20 per cent. I have heard from
several sources that his work is not very
good. The lenses are made at a price
which obviates sale even if they turn out
poor. I think my best plan will be to
take Swifts. Mr Newton (Prof Huxley's
assistant) thinks Junod's $\frac{1}{10}$ the best
worth having of any & a capital lens which
you can go & pick from a number. He tells
me it magnifies about 40 more than
a Ross's $\frac{1}{12}$.

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Feb 7.

I was at the meeting of the Geological Society last night. The chief paper was one by Prof Ramsay on the origin of the Rivers of England, showing how it was that they came to flow in their present courses, or at any rate giving a theory on which their flow may be reasonably explained. He gave us the same in substance in his lectures last winter. There was some discussion but hardly anything to the point.

Prof R. is I know now engaged with a new edition of his excellent little book on the Physical geology of Britain which has been out of print for some time. No doubt his River Views will be embodied in it.

With love to all yours
affectionate son
George.

