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My dear Mother,

I have to thank you for your kind letter written on board ship just before reaching the other side, which arrived some time since. I have since heard again of your being in London from Father. I also saw your name among other names mentioned as having been present at the opening of the Exhibition which was doubtless an affair well worth seeing. Matters here for me do much as usual that there is really little or nothing to report. I have not had quite so much creative work absolutely needing attention & have become very lazy about what ought to be attended to

but may possibly be proffered.
 I should much rather be on the
 point of leaving for field work
 than anchored here as a piece of
 office furniture. The Royal
 Society meeting occurs next week
 when I hope Father may be here
 for a few days, & possibly also
 Bernard & others. I have had
 a letter from Ella who seems to
 have been misinformed by some one
 to the effect that I may possibly
 be in England this summer. I do
 not know where she can have got
 the idea, but must answer her letter
 as soon as I can. Parliament
 still continues with little prospect of
 a close runch before the end of
 the month. Miss M^r Seymour
 has I believe set out on a
 second pilgrimage to England &
 the Continent & it is possible you

may see her before long
 in London. You do not
 say anything in your letter
 about Messrs Mawson &
 Adams who were I believe your
 fellow passengers on the
 Sarina. The former at least
 should have afforded you some
 assurance of his instructions.

Your affectionate son,

George