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My dear Dawson

You have done such excellent work in your wonderful sciences and have given such an able account of your work, that we are all proud of you -

I have procured and sent to you the little book you ask for - as an unconsidered present to you - Only this one ^{ed} addition has appeared - and it is now old -

The best & most modern book is Neumayer Anleitung zur wissensch. Beobachtungen auf Reisen &c. - Vol. 1 is now issued at Berlin - most scientific & otherwise valuable

Shifts and expedients of Camp Life &c 1876
to be had at 346 Strand - at the office
of the Field Newspaper

This book ^{(large octavo) (900 pages)} is too heavy & large to be carried
about - but you sh^d have it for study
at home - The College would spend its
price well upon it -

I am glad that you are going out again
- that is - if you are strong enough -
but certain it is that you should tax y^r
endurance powers in all their forms cautiously

- by -

Remember me most kindly to the happy
young mother - I do not forget either her
or the dear Grandamma -

I have no doubt but that y^r father is
working too hard;
but

a necessity is laid upon both St Paul & him

I am so occupied with the subtle details of
my Thesaurus now printed in quarto, up to
p. 330 - and will go to 450 - that I know of
no news. The various societies (Geology &c)
are all flourishing - This morning I gave to
the Athletic Club of the School of Mines 15/1000
their expenses -

Two years ago young Lott a connexion of mine
was selected to go to Sicily astronomically.
He liked it - He is now Chemical Assistant
in a Brewery at Stratton on Trent -

I have a very interesting Royal Patent²
look for your father - but I must ^{read} it first

If you keep y^r health which I heartily pray you
may, your clear head, perseverance in steady
honest labour will bring you a rich reward

My love to you all

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89 Gt. St. P. Square.

I am my dear Dawson
Yours sincerely
J. J. Bigsby.