

Huxley

Surrey College
Crescent Road
Sharrow
Sheffield
7 July 1878.

Dear Dawson,

I ought to have written
to you long ago to thank you
for several interesting pamphlets
concerning your labours & researches
which you have sent me from
time to time. But through I have been
very remiss in acknowledging the
receipt of them. I have been howev-
er less interested in perusing the
essays of your work. I pleased
that an old fellow student,
though so far away, has not
forgotten me—

Received
Oct. 24.

I suppose you have been elected
a fellow of the Instⁿ of Chemists
of G^o Britain & Ireland & that that
knows cost you 4 guineas as it did not
but I think it is an Institution
worthy the support of all true
Chemists & ~~the~~ R. S. M. men - Hauey
that all A. R. S. M's were elected
Fellows at once. I hope it will
have the desired effect of raising
improving the status & position
of the professional Chemist.
Trade is & has been terribly
bad in the Steel Trade indeed
all trades have suffered more
or less but Steel interests no
more than any other it could
not be worse than it is. Only
the best firms who have plenty
of money can. Keep going but
it is very miserable work.
I share my little work in my
department, indeed, I am

of getting my sick of the old
Country with its bad trade
& beastly Climate & I should
not at all mind leaving it
if I could see my way to
a good post abroad. I suppose
you do not know of anything
that would suit me at Montreal.
I should like to visit Canada
immensely - Of course I have
incumbrances in the shape of
a wife & family but my wife
& quite share my dislike of
this old island & Sheffield in
particular & we don't look
forward to being fixt there
all our lives.

I don't hear anything of our
old fellow students. I think
Packer is the only one I should
any correspondence with & I
never knew much of him -

Do you recollect our trip to
Middleborough what a busy
place it was when we were
there? We should find a very
different state of things there now.
I expect the greater part of the
works stopped & a scene of
barrenness & desolation.

I hope the settlement of the
Eastern difficulties in a
peaceful form may revive our
old prosperity. It will
certainly greatly improve the
prospects of trade.

Write to me as soon as you have
time & tell me how you are
getting on and believe me

Your affect. friend
J. A. Hurley

