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My dear Dawson

I just write a few lines to
acknowledge the receipt of yours of the
10th of this same month —

I note from it the progress of your
son towards London —

Your son will be received by myself
and Dr Davie with all the kindness
due to the child of an eminent Christian

— man —

Dr Davie is active in his behalf and
has procured board & residence for George
in an eligible locality (Bloomsbury)
and with a family he (the Dr.) knows.

at 30/ a week - board & lodging -
This sum may afterwards perhaps be
lessened - but I do not think that it
will do to starve George - for London
is a very exhausting place - and the
constitution is not strong.

A glass of good cheap wine he ought
probably to have daily - but he should
be partly the judge of this -

We are of necessity from home and shall
be for 12 days longer - at least as our
house is now being painted inside &
that in this climate is long attended by
unwholesome and unpleasant smells -

On my fearing that George might be in
London without a friend, (Dr Davis being
at Cambridge)

I wrote to my people to take him
in Bag and baggage - and make a
home for him — in spite of the
pauit — But for this perhaps there
will be no occasion — now —

As soon as I get to London I shall
seek George out — inquire into his position
both in his boarding house and at the school
of mines — I shall tell him that whenever
he wants directions (young men rarely want
advice) or is in any difficulty that I will
be happy to assist him —

From time to time we shall see him to dinner
but only when I can take him or send him to
some profitable or scientific place to spend the
evening — for it has now ^{become} physically impossible
for us to entertain any one

Dr Davies will be at home on the 28th of
Sept.

after dinner - I have already mentioned to you
my wife's afflictions -

Attention and usefulness to your son however
is both a pleasure and a duty - you will
not forget that - but ^{I cannot undertake} any responsibility
during his stay in London among company
of whom I know nothing - with not one
religious man among the Foreign Street
officials - ^{several are distinct Colensoites -} but with a free inclination very
distinct among them, a youth's position is very
dangerous - and London is full of temptations

I have never heard that the Foreign
Street young men are anything but quiet, in-
dustrious - The influence of Marchison is
good among them -
Dr Davis will be useful.

Please to convey to Mrs Dawson our united kind
regards - to Miss Dawson (a friend of mine)

I am my dear Dawson
Sincerely yours
J. J. B.

Any new Sch. or Devonian
fossils (names) will be
very acceptable