

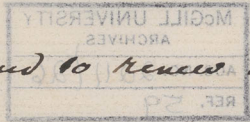
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89 Glo: Mace  
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My dear Dawson

I do not think you can expect Mr. Schimper  
to come to England to see your plants - altho  
they are fully worth the journey; but I suspect  
that as in the case of almost all continental Pro-  
fessors, he will be prevented coming by want both  
of time and funds - I therefore propose that you  
send him from England a few typical plants just  
sufficient to show him truth - Professor Schimper  
is well worth the pains - his book is the product  
of a full, clear & well disciplined mind -  
We shall all be very particularly glad to see you  
and it is a matter of most special regret that  
we at No 89 Gloster Place shall not be able to  
receive



receive you at our house - and to receive the  
very agreeable and never forgotten family inter-  
-course of a few years ago - My wife has become  
feble - plagued with the infirmities of OI & Rheuma-  
-tism; and cannot exist in decent comfort without  
rest - and indeed without much sleep in the  
evening - Her deafness prevents her also from  
enjoying social intercourse - In fact both of  
us are looking our old steadily in the face -

I could readily get you comfortable lodgings in  
our neighborhood - and when at liberty you could  
always dine with us - which would be a great  
pleasure to us - This I know you will believe -

Your son is in much better health than on his arriv-  
-al in London - and stands up well against the  
really hard work put on him - He told me the  
other day, on my questioning him, that he was quite  
comfortable in his home - & had nothing  
to

to complain of — He was pursuing his chemical studies with all his heart — amid a hard working and numerous class — and so was likely to learn. I saw him at the Chemical College one day in his old apron and suit of grey — a representative of true labour —

The Royal Institution has had some Capital Friday Evenings — one on Mt Sinai; another on Iron Ships — & so on — Ruskin was very entertaining — but in itself a poor fragmentary lecture — You must add to the number of the excellent ones — before an audience of ladies chiefly — and limited to one hour —

This winter has been in England very harsh & dear — cold, but not extremely so. —

I send you a printed paper — but not in this expectation that it will comfort you —

There is a grand conspiracy in eager work with the object of secularizing the Sunday; and doing all — together away with the bible — and there will be great success — for ten years

when truth will again prevail under a radical  
reform of the almost effete Church of England —

My Thesaurus sells very slowly — but this does  
not discourage me in working at the Th. Devonian.

I am sorry you think of changing the euphonious  
name — Devonian — I do not expect that I shall follow  
you — The Devonian is vast — in Europe —

In 'Chin' Lyall seems better — and so are most of  
the heads of geological study — Prestwich our  
president is taking a widow to Rome!! as his  
wife —

My wife desires her very best greetings to Mrs  
and Miss Dawson — The only goes out now in a  
Brougham —

I am my dear Dawsons

Sincerely yours

J. S. Hensley

My best remembrance to

Stevory Hunt & to Billings

I have heard Billings on the structure of the Crossed  
very highly spoken of — I have not seen it —