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Pamington N. Y. May 28th '85

Sir Tom Dawson

Dear Sir

I received your kind letter on going to New York City last Saturday evening and am exceedingly obliged to you for it. At my first leisure moments in the City I will go & consult Professor Whitfield as you suggested.

I am working here on the Boston Aqueduct which seems to me to pertain far more to the mining than to the civil branch of engineering.

as probably nineteen twentieths of the work consists of tunnels through the solid rock. The total length of the Aqueduct is 27 miles. It is situated at an open cut with tunnels at either end. Operations are conducted by compressed air percussion drills and Giant Powder and I am sorry to say that accidents of one sort or another are of too frequent occurrence.

A rate of speed of from 5 to 10 lineal feet per diem is maintained in each heading. All the rock found in the tunnels around here is gneiss though further south they take out some very fine limestone. The rock taken out

of our own work is often very
curiously & handsomely banded
and I am saving a few
of the smaller & better spe-
cimens. I will visit the
localities you mentioned as
soon as my time permits me
to do so. I am busy during
the week but am able to
go home every Saturday eve-
ning which is a great privilege.
This is a very beautiful town
and my work is in that
Sleepy Hollow rendered famous
by Washington Irving. Would
you kindly remember me to Mr. Har-
rington & say to him that I intend
shortly to write him a
letter about the work going on
here which he may find
interesting. Thanking you

again for your letter
I am

Yours very sincerely
Charles Dudley Brown.

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