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Dear Papa.

Some lectures on geology called the "Swiny lectures," which are this year to be given by Dr Cobbold, are to be delivered in the Jersey-st Theatre. I thought they might be good & went to the first last night, but it was quite a disappointment, for he occupied the whole hour in generalities & did not get into his subject at all. He spoke of the benefits of special fields of research &c &c. Ramsay had a paper on the origin of the British red sandstones at the Geol. Soc. last meeting which called forth a good deal of debate, I believe. I was rather sorry I had not gone to hear it. He supposes, it seems that they were all deposited in great inland lakes.

You will find a rather stupid letter in
the "Nature"

sent this week from the person who wrote the former letter on Ezoön.

Mr Reeks showed me the other day a diamond about the  size & very well crystallized, as an octahedron which came from the Cape. It was not however of the first water, but had a yellowish tinge.

March 16.

I was at a meeting of the Geographical Socy on Monday Evening last with Dr Beisby.

There was a paper on the gold fields of S. Africa, near Natal & the Zambezi River. They seem to be very promising, but situated in a rather inaccessible country. The natives have already worked quite deep pits down on some of the quartz reefs.

Ramsay has as yet said nothing to me about what you wrote to him.

The letters this week are rather late, as seems to be usual at this season & have not yet arrived.

Your affectionate Son

Georg. In Dawson