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My dear Father,

I enclose the information you ask for. It is given in a very summary way but I hope it will prove sufficient.

We are now making plans for a Faculty of Arts & Science which is to be finished on Saturday next. In my design, I have kept strictly to the classical orders, as there is no fear of making mistakes, which would be unavoidable if one trusted to one's own taste. The Professor of Architecture might also be of a different opinion, whereas he would hardly venture to criticise an Ionic pillar. The largest lecture-room seats about 200 people, and has twelve sides. I have covered it with an elliptical dome which looks very well. It is a little monotonous to draw 180 windows, but fortunately they appear only in the plan. There are only about 20 on the main front.

Next Monday or Tuesday I intend to visit the Exhibition. Very few people are allowed there now, as it was found that the former tickets of admission were distributed too freely. That system was done away with at the New Year, and a more systematic one substituted. If we give notice two days before-hand of our intention of going, we can obtain at the School a ticket bearing our name & the date of the visit, which is good for that day only. I will try to call on Mr. Owen of the British Commission as he lives in that quarter, & I may be able to obtain from him Mr. Keefe's address.

I must remember to ask the Inspector for a recommendation in the spring. It will be especially useful if there is any delay about the Diploma.

I had a little cold last week, but it is quite better now. I stayed in one afternoon at the beginning in order to check it, in which I succeeded.

With love to all, and apologies for so short a letter,

I remain, your affectionate son

William.