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My dear Father,

I drew £20. this morning, of which you will probably receive advice this mail. I hope it will not arrive at an inconvenient moment; and I mentioned that I intended to draw about this time, in writing a few weeks ago. I should have remembered to have mentioned it last mail; but I have at least succeeded in avoiding the commencement of the year.

I got for a Christmas present for myself, a beautiful little spring compass, which I have long been wishing to have, although it was possible to do without it. They make them very neatly here, although

as everywhere the price was rather high.
It cost \$1.50. I have now a very
good set of instruments, and intend to
cut a new tray for them, for which
I have already the gauges. The basis
of the set are the ones you got for
me in Edinburgh, which have proved
most excellent. The box they are in
was given me by Rankine, and
made from my own drawings. It is
therefore a standing remembrance of
your kindness & his.

I intended to have gone to the
Exhibition buildings to-day or tomorrow
but I will have to give up the idea,
as I cannot take the time. I must
try however to call on Mr. Keefer
this week, as it will inevitably be put
off for another month if I do not
succeed in doing so; I wish to see
him before commencing to write out
any applications of which I have al-
ready spoken.

With much love, believe me
your affectionate son,

William

P.S. The total amount remaining to my
credit is fifty pounds £ 50.