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Hardwick Parsonage, Hay,
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Sir,

The circumstances you mention are quite fresh in my recollection; and in fact I have repeatedly thought of you since our last communication - especially since I have had reason to suppose that you are nearly connected with one whose writings are so well known, and so eminently calculated to be beneficial. I do not know the degree of relationship in which you stand, but had I no other notice, this alone would have induced me to do the very best in my power to aid you; and I assure you I attempt it with very great pleasure.

I am very glad to find that you have so fair a prospect of prosecuting our noble subject to such great advantage - and I earnestly hope you will meet with perfect satisfaction.

I have not had many opportunities of seeing Slater's work, but what has come under my notice has not been first-rate. I have heard I think from our first authority, W. Dawes, that his small instruments are good, but I should hesitate to employ him for anything of the size you have a right to expect. He is certainly very cheap - but an article is too cheap if it does not give full satisfaction, and that, I should recommend you to seek elsewhere.

If you have any friend in Paris who could look out for you among Bardou's stock, & test his glasses, & pick out for you

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little books. I am very
glad to hear you are
so much pleased.