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80 Victoria Road  
Clapham Common  
June 15. 1882

My dear Sir,

In accordance with your wish, expressed in the newspapers, I enclose a letter received from your Father last November in answer to one of mine mentioning a fact which I thought might interest him, as an utter stranger I little expected the most kind & courteous reply that a post or two brought me; and as one of the earliest unknown followers of his teaching, (an old man myself) I need not say how I value it, and that I shall be glad to have it returned when you have made such use of it as you think fit. I had actually begun writing a

a letter containing a short acc.  
of the result of five months  
further experiments, which seemed  
a little worth communicating,  
when I was shocked by the news  
of his death. But the bright  
flame his genius kindled and  
fed will never again die out.

Believe me, my S. Sir

Yr. faithfully

Richd. Capes

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