finishing and accuracy. Bronze statues are a favourite ornament here and are to be seen in all directions: there is a large façade immediately outside of the principal gate of the city which is the favourite resort of the citizens. Round this façade are placed innumerable little lamps where coffee, tea &c are given every evening in the summer and where the Parisians and Parisiennes are to be seen seated round little tables, the women knitting & the men smoking and drinking the inevitable Bière by the gallon. These are the places to see the people and therefore I visit them just very occasionally. It is quite the fashion here to drink coffee or chocolate immediately after dinner in the confectioner's and in one of these you find half the learned men in Paris in evening quietly over the newspapers, of a warm persuasion of afternoon. I have got the edition of Schiller which Arnold has and am reading it at intervals. Sitting I shall not attempt at present as I have enough to do without him.
Thornhill has been in Paris since I have been here and has but recently returned he is in high favour at court and is a personal friend of the king. He is now at work on a physical history of the earth called "Kosmos" the first volume of which has appeared. Let me know all English and American scientific intelligence when you next write.
I perceive that we shall write to each other by this steamer of the 4th of each alternate month. Thus you will answer

[illegible] Feb. 24th 1845

Per British Mail Steamer of 4th of August

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