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Royal Observatory, Greenwich,
London, S.E.

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Dear Sir

The variation of the
compass at Salisbury at the
present time is about $18^{\circ} 45'$
west, diminishing at the
rate of about $7'$ yearly.

Yours faithfully

William Deans

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