

My dear Sir

I have just seen Mr Logan on his way  
via Boston to Montreal, who says that  
he did not hear of the *offense* in the East  
river but is not surprised as a Southwesterly  
dip prevails in the part he went up to.

The petriolea Mr Lyell says is not  
*P. pholadiformis* but new to her. If I  
called it *offense* shell placuna? I meant *Plic-  
ostoma* for placuna is quite another form  
a flat shell. - Hereafter I will send them  
specific names. The shells in the East river  
lowest are what we want more than any  
they else to clear up that country -  
with my compliments of yourself  
Yours truly

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I cannot judge as to the amount of sacrifice which absence from Nova Scotia would entail in the way of loss of time & money if you were to come here say for the meeting of the British Association in Glasgow to be held Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.

I am to be there as Vice President. & could introduce you to any one you might like to know - & perhaps you might read some paper -

But I scarce think that such an introduction or acquaintance made there could influence it

There is a separate Prof. of Geology at Dublin where the Prof. of Geo. is Prof. of Geo.

apparent that next I really  
think to be made foolish.

In the chapter of accidents there  
is no saying what may turn up.  
The Home Secretary is thought to  
be inordinate & is of course over-  
whelmed with other business so  
that it is very difficult after  
several weeks (6 I believe) of  
arrangement to get him to give  
our help here to the subject -  
He & Mr. L. Advocate are not  
sincerely desirous of doing what is  
right & are equally unacquainted  
with all that you - & so  
the Duke of Argyll. are sincerely  
Chadwell