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My dear Sir

I returned to town
on Friday last specially
with the view of hearing
your lecture at the Roy.
Inst.ⁿ; but on my
reaching home in the
afternoon I received
the melancholy intelli-
gence that a young

friend, not 22 years
of age, a native of
my native village,
had been struck down
in an apoplectic fit
on Thursday on his
way to the City - He
is almost without
friends, and I felt
compelled to go to
him. I found him
very ill - one side com-
pletely paralyzed - and
I had to remain with

him - and have been
with a great deal
since -

I am very sorry I
missed your lecture - and
my wife who intended
to accompany me - is
also - As I did not
know of my friend's
illness till 5 o'clock
on Friday I was
unable to send you the
tickets to be used by

Attns.

Richardson
June 1/40

Many thanks for the
specimens you have
been so good as to loan
for me.

I had a great haul
in the North last week
I got a very large series
of splendid specimens
showing structure. If
you are in the Museum
again, look in & see
them. I am
yours very faithfully
Wm Richardson