

new Colln - Devonian type

I must have made a copy of yours

My dear Dawson

I am vastly pleased with your magnificent present of one hundred new Devonian plants - It will perhaps double my registered number - for very many plants hitherto treated as Devonian are Kalm

I place them separately (Kalm (Calm) & Devon)

Your Psilophyton I was directed to leave out of Silurian by Saltus - as at least dubious and I have now 4 species in Devonian -

The two Bohemian land plants

are emphatically pronounced to be such

by Barroide in a letter to me - and I send you here his very words. -

Feb: 21. 60. Prague. J'appelle surtout votre attention sur mes Plantes terrestres

dont l'existence indubitable sur cette ho:

= rigou, constitue un fait de haute importance

from a letter to me, J. Barroide

Hortuicella Hostinensis  
Sagueria Bohemica

Your son George does you infinite credit  
when a young man behaves himself plea-  
santly and prudently — when he labours faith-  
fully in his proper work — and leads a moral  
and orderly life. his parents have a right to  
great credit — both from training and example

All this your son is carrying out well — and  
you ought to give God the thanks —

It is not in our power to see him as often  
as we wish — but he thoroughly knows that he  
has friends at 89 — always glad to be of use  
to him — Lady Lyell has been very kind to  
him — she has young people about her — and  
she is not a deaf woman aged eighty + more

Your son is far more dignified than you  
could have anticipated — he says he has every  
comfort — perhaps a little too hard worked — but  
this he does not feel as yet — and next year  
his walking powers will be less swayed upon

He not only keeps up with his chemical fellow  
labourers — but as I understand him, he has  
got ahead of some of them — he lost some  
little time at the beginning of the Session —

I have not seen Dr Davies for a couple of  
months. His behaviour to George was most  
kind and fatherly — This Baptist Professor is  
a fine genial, manly Christian. I was very  
much pleased with him — He begged George  
to attach himself to some one evangelical Church  
as a thing indispensable — but this was done  
brief and pleasantly. — Whether George  
has or has not, I do not know. —

George will return home full of information  
and good ideas — I am however afraid  
of the School of Mines — With certain very  
unsafe ideas I think Wetheridge is not treated

My wife has not been out of the house for  
2 months since the last three days in a  
brougham — She severe & exhausting  
bronchitis — During the last three days  
she has picked up a good deal of strength  
She begs to be most kindly remembered  
to Annie & yourself — and will not omit  
Mamma

Sept / 70

My *Thesaurus Devonian* is done, in a second rough copy - It has had and will have extraordinary help from Dr Verneuil, Dawson - Roemer of Breslau - It has been corrected (not finally) by Etheridge; who has been so kind as to give me his elaborately prepared Catal. of British Devonian fossils.

Schimper Prof: has lately published a very careful "Palaeontologie Vegetale." Vol 1 with Atlas only out - It deals frequently with you - and considers the Laucester Beds to be Lower Carbonif. - It is a very valuable Book. -

Your arrival in England will have a most friendly greeting -

I am my dear Dawson  
Yours faithfully  
J. J. Bigsby

Do not plague Billings to write a review of my *R. Selwicks* -  
- nor trouble yourself to do so -  
We can do very well without.

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