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A Reply  
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My dear Dawson

I am both weak and busy

so please to excuse a business letter

I am glad you give good tidings of

all your interesting family -

Your notion of having £75-100

from the £4000 is likely to be successful

if carried out quietly and discreetly - by

yourself direct -

The Committee adjudicated is composed

of the Presidents of the several learned

Societies - and two members of the R.S.

I feel sure that they will be governed

by the merits of the case -

I have seen today the working Sec<sup>y</sup>

of the R.S. and he has talked the matter

with me

your Devonian plants not being so prized by the R.S. puzzled and affected me

He says your intended research is one of those especially intended to be helped by a grant from the £4000 - which by the bye is government money - not that of any society - You are the country's benefactor if you spend the money profitably. It would be particularly becoming of a man of your great scientific distinction to let bye games be by-gones - It is hardly worth the while of a large minded Christian to let a grudge (7 y<sup>r</sup> old) forbid doing a good work for the world and a pleasant one to yourself - The people likely to influence the decision now know you better - and I likely heard one



of these speak highly of you - I did not  
contradict him -

Therefore send in the application early  
in December - signing the 5 points in  
the paper now sent - adding, per  
haps on the same paper some reasons  
for the Grant - I think you had  
better apply for an exact sum -

I told Mr White that you had new  
nephils matter - and that you would  
like to blast a certain spot for more -

~~Tell them~~ Also that you would spend  
all the grant in the job - none on the  
personal expenses -

You are pertinaciously over-irritable  
It hurts your peace - You seem to  
have a very inadequate idea of your  
singularity

high standing as a Christian man  
of science - You have hundreds of  
friends and no enemies as far as I know  
You walk in the heavens - far above  
fair or foul weather -

Mr Sorby, now President of the Microscopic  
Soc is to be the new Pr. Geol. Soc, L.  
and the favorite subject this winter is to  
be the minute structure of rocks -  
Parker is looking well and happy in  
watching the development of potatoes & life  
Jones Aspert - bury on Dixon's Jurassic of  
Sussex? - Ramsay, Judd (very nice fellow)  
Hulker, Deane, Jaffies are leaders there

I am much too feeble, shattered & nervous  
to go to the dinners or meetings

My Thesaur. Des-carb - will be printed  
all - in 4 days - then the binding comes -

With very kind remembrances to Mrs D & Mrs  
H.

I am my dear Dawson  
Yours as ever J. J.