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My dear Dawson

I rather hasten to express
my regret and surprise that you have
not received 2 Copies of my *Thesaurus*
deoon. Carbonif. - They were sent 3
months ago or more by Davis, Turner &
Fane Street, London E.C. one Copy being for
Carriers to Montreal &c &c
your son George, your worthy, hard-
-working and talented son - leading
a coarse Indian life for the love of
science, and for the joy of labour -

I am making all enquiries on this
side of the Atlantic - Geese the same
to be done on yours. for the book is
very

The Devon-Corb. These are - has been bought by a Quaker Friend
for the library there

of course, at all events - when all due
efforts at recovery has been made in view
you shall have another - if I may be alive
for all the firm and happy in mind I live in
daily expectation of another attack of Palsy
I thank God for your good accounts of Mrs
Dawson and Mr Harrington & the younger
branches of your tree -
The 9th Edition of the Encyclop. Britannica
contains an elaborate article by Huxley
on Evolution - which you should see -
He means to be fair - but he seems much of
an advocate - but I have not read it all
In England, Darwinism is really declining
in public opinion - as well as in Germany
and this partly from the outrageous denials
of some Darwinists of their being a Creator
at

I should be glad to sell to your Canadian Librarians - but not to you
I am neither rich nor poor
I have 1000
I have not spoken of your novelistic
expedition - I should like when convenient
to know (in brief) the results - with views for or
not wish to take you - 1 the place, 2 the
names I would rather not write down.
The library reference is found on one way & another.
- and I am far in advance of a volume of comments

I have seen a good deal of Storey Hunt
his two quiet, thankful sensible sisters
Hunt has been very pleasant - very busy
writing a resume of the Acta geologica
of the late congress at Paris - I have not
seen much of him - He goes on the 19th
Oxford to dine with Prof^s Hatch, Rolleston,
Prestwich, and one or two more leading men
Having also plenty of information ready for
issue he will make a good impression
There he is to be fitted at Cambridge by
Hughes (Prof) He is to be in England all
October -

the stratum - its horizon - the generic names of
the find - ed: — ^{Stetor} —

I find the Royal Institution ^{algebraic} pleasant - not very
useful - I am not aware that it is doing more
than giving moderately attended lectures 3 times
a week for 4 1/2 months per annum -

It may be making great discoveries in the
new laboratory - I know of none - for

I have not enquired for some time -

It is rich in consols. —

With sincere regards to Mrs Dawson &
every member of your family - not forget-
ting pleasant Miss Morgan

I am my dear Dawson
ever yours faithfully, &
your obliged friend

J. J. Bigsby

The Thesaurus must be in Montreal. It is a large
heavy well packed, well directed parcel -
carrriage paid

and with the love of all. —

I have lately lost a beloved brother - an evangelical Christian of the
Church of England - with a charming society