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Dear Mr Principal London, April 16. 1879.

I enclose a statement of the sales of Acadian Geology for the last three years & so far as has gone of the present. The result would point to an average sale of some 12 to 15 a year. The stock on hand is now over 500, and what any material reduction in the price might effect is very doubtful. The addition of your appendix did raise the ^{sale} but it was very slight as you will see. We could not undertake the purchase of the book ourselves. The utmost we would suggest would be offering a certain number of copies to an auction letting them bring what they would, or offering them at some quite small price, say 5/- or 7/6 & see what ~~they would bring~~ the public would buy.

I am afraid that the public for such a book is upon any terms very limited, and I can hold out little hope that the more enlarged scale of book you propose would prove a success. Even the book on Geology in general "with an American basis" does not sound to

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John Buller

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me hopeful. Our present work is to get
rid of the book we have. All geologists speak
of it with the utmost respect but most of
I fear content themselves with occasional reference
to it in libraries. My present feeling would be
to send a few copies to try the fate in an
auction room.

With kind regards to Mrs Dawson, who I like
is well, believe me

very
yours

A. Macmillan.

Please tell Mrs Dawson that the ragged
bit of paddock which she objected to, and
sightly, in my garden, when she & you did us
the honour to dine with us, is now replaced by
a well mown lawn on which it will give us
great pleasure to see you & her walk.

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