

To Carpenter

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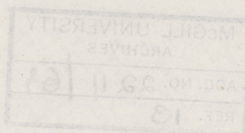
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My dear Dr Carpenter,

The combat thickens
over Loran. I have just
received the abstract of Remy
& King's Royal Society memoir
on Ophiolites etc. It is
I think frightful in its
bad chemistry and bad
geology, and seems at
best to be nothing but
special pleading. Their
doctrine of metathesis is
absolutely ridiculous, and
their interpretation of
the Canadian Laurentian
limestones as products

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of pseudospheres &
sibicious rocks proves
laughten on the part
of every one here
who knows anything
about the matter.

I hope the Royal Society
will not disgrace itself
by publishing such a
paper in its Transactions;
but if it does there
will be no difficulty in
showing its fallacy.

Schuyler is still busy in
the field and I have
not been able to
discuss with him the
question of publication.

You will observe that
Raney & King admit the
distinctness of the paper
wall from chrysolite, though
they think it produced
by a change of that
mineral. They describe
it as consisting of a scale
of serpentine imbedded in
Calcite. This I think

is important as an
admission. Have you
seen the rock & what
they refer from St Philippe
in the Vosges. If correctly
described this must
surely contain some fossil
but their descriptions are not
very reliable.

Jecker was here
last week and I showed
him some specimens with
Chrysothite veins & paper
wall in the field at
once, I trust to his
satisfaction

Truly yours
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