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My dear Sir William,

Your exceedingly kind, prompt & encouraging letter has inspired me to not despair and go on notwithstanding opposing elements. The sole purpose I have is to arrive at the true & only solution as to the age of those so-called <sup>Utica & N. Riv.</sup> rocks, not being too dogmatic about anything unless the preponderance of opinion & evidence especially of all favours such a view. Dr Selwyn has been most kindly disposed & favourable, but why I should get such opp.<sup>n</sup> from our friend Mr. Paterson is just what I cannot conceive. Since Mr. Hoard's resignation I have had more work than I can possibly do and Mr. Dyrrell's resignation in the same department for reasons I need not mention has certainly increased my labours <sup>three-fold</sup>.



Now I live hard work + <sup>hard</sup> work at fossils or geology especially and as I told you already Dr. had it not been for my love for these records instilled in me & guided by you I would never have remained amid such discouragements. I can stand a good deal, others have stood more perhaps but they have left. Now, I shall follow your kindly advice, see Dr Selwyn when he returns & then as regards the Graptolites I know Prof. Lapworth will act squarely with me if certain one here does not.

I have also had encouraging word from a lot of friends here, in high positions in Government & others so that I feel much less cast down, the kindness you have shown me by having brightened the situation materially. With many thanks for your exceedingly comforting letter & hoping at no great distant time to forward you something for the "Record of Science" & with kindest regard & best wishes to her Ladyship & yourself believe me to be  
Yours truly &  
gratefully  
Henry M. Austin