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My dear Principal

Your letter of the first arrived  
two or three days since and last night  
brought a copy of your new book from the  
publishers - Into the letter I have only  
had time to dip, but I see that it will  
be very interesting, and I am very  
much obliged to you for the kind  
present - How you can find time to  
produce so much valuable scientific  
work, together with your lectures and  
the amount of executive business that  
falls upon you is a perfect marvel to me -  
I confess I am always afraid that you  
should overdo it -  
Unfortunately I was not able to hear  
your paper at the free society, but  
hope to read it in due course to the Q. J.

Of course I shall be most happy to do  
anything in my power to help to the  
proposal of Dr. G. de Dawson for the  
Royal Society - I think that the  
best plan would be for you, after  
writing out the information in the  
proposal paper and signing it, to  
forward the document to me with  
a list of the men to whom you would  
wish it sent - and then forward the  
~~two to me~~, and I will take care to  
ask them and to forward the  
proposal when completed to the  
Royal Society -

But I think that the best plan  
will be for you to retain the paper  
till the end of September - In another  
fortnight people will begin to disperse,  
letters will be delayed, and there  
will be more risk of loss, per men



being abroad or taking holiday - I too  
should be glad not to have charge of  
the document during the vacation,  
for you know how crowded up I am here  
and there is always a danger of a  
paper being mislaid or overlooked  
if I have to put it away while I am  
taking my holiday - If it reach  
me early in October I can get it  
signed up comparatively quickly  
and promptly send it in to  
the Royal Society in time for  
reading at their first meeting next  
term -

I have done little sculpture work for  
the last few months, having had all  
the time I could spare for Teaching  
taken up by business, miscellaneous  
writing and three lectures at the  
Royal Institution, which required

mud preparation - I took the Alps as  
my subject and think I have made out  
a few points of interest - They will  
appear in the Alpine Journal - In about  
a fortnight I hope to be free from all  
entanglements and then to settle down  
to write and work out my "Bath" lecture -  
I am going to 'take stock' of our knowledge  
of the genesis of the Archæan rocks - and  
the line which will be taken is hinted  
at in the three papers which I sent  
you - in effect it is that our grandfathers  
were nearer the truth than our fathers. That  
the newly discovered divinity 'Squash'  
though potent is not omnipotent,  
and that if we do not mind the real  
disease from which geology will suffer  
will be 'pressure on the brain' - Kindest  
regards to Lady Dawson and all your  
family circle, in which my sister joins  
in far as she is known - Again thanking  
you I am

Sincerely yours  
T. G. Bonney