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Dear Sir William Dawson

I have now forwarded  
the proposal of your son, Mr  
Dawson, for the £100 to the  
secretary and it will be read  
at the next meeting - There  
are already 14 signatures  
attached, including most  
of those you named and I  
have no doubt others will be  
added. I may say that it  
was with care to get a stronger  
lot of 'backers' - Frankland could  
not sign because he was on the Council  
but he is going off, and will then

add his name - After I had sent  
the proposal to the Assistant  
Secretary, it was returned to me  
on the ground that the officers was  
refused to receive certificates  
with printed papers attached  
so I had to make a summary  
of the printed paper and I hope  
that what I write will do -

I told him however that in my  
opinion this rule ought to have  
been notified in the proposal  
paper, as, in cases like this, where  
fellows resided at a distance, it  
put them also called for them  
in a rather awkward position -  
I ought to have written sooner to

Thank you for kindly sending the  
pamphlet, or I might almost say  
book, relating to Soyon - It is not a  
thing to be read in a hurry, but I am  
taking it piece meal - It is a very  
valuable summary of information on  
one of the most difficult questions in  
geology - Whatever be the fate of Soyon,  
there can be no doubt that the investi-  
gation has been of the utmost value -  
At present it appears to me that  
there are almost equal difficulties  
in either view - The best part  
of your case is I think the  
separate panels of 'serpentine'  
in the rock near the Soyon - if these  
are casts of chertlets then  
infiltration must have been very

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rapid in order that they might occur  
in this way. Moreover it can be proved  
not seldom that they are simply altered  
malacodite and do not differ from  
the grains of that mineral so common  
in many archaean limestones and in  
certain cases of contact metamorphism.

Moreover I do not think you strengthen  
your case by reference to the Saureola  
apatite - I cannot remember of that  
at Templeton having an origin other  
than mineral. However I am not  
going into the controversy - they heard  
are full enough -

I hope that you, Lady Dawson, and  
all your kinfolk are well. My  
sister has not been very well of late, but I  
hope will be all right soon - With kindest  
remembrances I am sincerely yours  
T. G. Bonney