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My Dear Mr William

I was so glad to see your superscription the other day. It seemed so long since we had written to each other. May June & July were laborious months for me at the college - and the very day after I had sent in my report of the University examinations my wife Herbert and myself were at Dover on the way to France & Switzerland where we spent some delightful

weeks. At Geneva I had  
some charming intercourse  
with the dear old De Cardolle.  
On our return I at once  
settled down to complete  
my memoir XIX which I  
had commenced in the  
Spring and which I only  
completed three days ago.

You will learn from  
an advertisement in today's  
paper that I have just  
resigned my Professorship.  
I was 75 ten days ago &  
did not feel inclined to  
boil at the work of the  
Professorship any longer.  
Hence I have bought a  
house at Clapham near  
London and propose to

Remove to it about the middle of March  
before I shall carry on my work espe-  
cially my examination of coal without  
interruption, so long as I have life  
and health. You will well understand  
from what I have said, that I have  
no per ~~had~~ no time to read Gray.  
Solms' book since the translation ap-  
peared, hence I am wholly ignorant  
~~of~~ the subject on which you refer  
and do not know how much better off  
until I am fairly settled in London.

whilst of the Gliman edition  
I cannot read a line -  
I think you will be pleased  
with my new memoir when  
printed. I have got a mag-  
nificent series of prepara-  
tions of the True L. Harcourtii  
from extremely young twig  
preparing to develop into Halonia  
branches up to a large branch  
more than 3 inches in dia-  
meter - All with the bark and  
foliage complete. I have also  
gone into Ulodendron and  
Halonia and driven a coat  
and six through old definitions  
and furnished up with Rapida  
Trochid forms - so look out  
for squalls! - All here  
join in most affectionate  
remembrances to you and  
your dear wife - as well as  
reminders to Peggy and the  
Harringtons  
W. C. Williamson