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My Dear Sir William

You will have

discovered by this time  
that I had anticipated  
your wish before I  
received your last  
welcome letter. In fact  
I was ignorant of Flicks  
communication, and  
indeed have not yet  
seen it - but my young  
friend Woodward of the

British Museum, who is acting as a Lion Jackall for Macmillan told me of the controversy & sent me a proof of your communication and asked me to contribute a few notes to it which I did. My old assistant, Hick has I fear been making a fool of himself. He is very anxious to be an authority on these subjects independent of me. But he has not the materials either in his head or elsewhere for this. Nothing can be more unsatisfactory than the later communications of Renault and Grad. Every one on the subject and even

Salus Laubach is now  
perplexed by what Grand-  
Eury has done in his last  
book. He assisted Grand-  
Eury to describe one of  
his *Leiodermarean* Trees  
with his *Stigmariopsis* at  
its base, and tells me  
that there is certainly  
something there that  
we have not got in  
England. That may or  
may not be so - so far  
as I know but whatever  
the facts may be our  
French friends have no  
business to graft their  
Crotchets, well or ill  
grounded, upon our  
old *Stigmarea ficoides*  
We are now most com-  
fortably settled down in

our new home and I  
am enjoying my leisure  
most thoroughly. Of course  
you will have got your number  
of the R. S. Proceedings contain-  
ing the abstract of my  
Part XIX. It will have  
seven most important  
plates and I think will  
interest you much when  
published because full  
of valuable facts. For  
the present I am busy  
preparing the Part II<sup>d</sup> of  
my index, and a yet more  
extended, and I hope yet  
more useful plan; but  
as soon as that is off  
my hands I am going  
along with my old friend

together the results of  
our united researches in  
a form that cannot  
be lightly disregarded  
by our sceptical palae-  
botanical friends.

I congratulate you  
on having had all your  
young folks about you  
I can well know what  
a pleasure it will be  
to both you and Lady  
Dawson. I should much  
like to see Dr George  
when in London if  
possible; but if his stay  
is going to be so brief as  
you say I fear there will  
be no chance. My dear wife  
& Herbert are enjoying our new  
life as much as I am. They both  
join me in love to you all.  
Ever yours affectionately  
W. C. Williamson

Scott, the Botanist at  
South Kensington has  
Overhauled the difficult  
question of the modes of  
growth of these Carboni-  
ferous plants. I am con-  
vinced that my views on  
the subject are not very  
far from the truth so  
far as the facts are con-  
cerned, and I think I see  
my way, somewhat hazily,  
It is true, to their ex-  
planation. Anyhow we  
are going to combine his  
profound knowledge of the  
growth & physiology of  
living plants with my  
own familiarity with  
the fossiliferous, and may  
thus hope to publish