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Dear Papa

I enclose this mail a list of
expenditures, since last July (inclusive.)
I had when I came to Scotland, your
remittance £45-. In August I was obliged
to draw £20 (£10 for mamma & £10 for myself)
The expenditure of my £10 is made out
on one side of the leaf I send. Since
coming to London I have drawn £10 more.
£3.15.06 of which I must send tomorrow
to Edinburgh for a pair of trousers, & my
overcoat, which last, has just this evening
arrived. I have also had to pay something
for books, wine &c & the rest will be for
running expenses. I have now
therefore to my credit in the bank just £15.

I have just read a paper, on the
"Carboniferous flora of Bear Island" (Lat $74^{\circ}30'N$)
by Oswald Heer. Mr Elteridge had it
to look over, from his C. Lyell. & kindly
brought it in for me to read. It is
to be read at the Geological Society when
the session opens.

The author calls the group of which he
treats the Ursa-group. It lies below
the Mountain limestone, & after giving
lists of the plants, ¹² goes on to say
that he considers other formations
to belong to this same group, & enumerates
them as follows.

"Greywacke of the Vosages & the southern Black
Forest. Marwood flint-bed. St Johns
in Canada. Sandstones of Melville Island
Katskill & Chemung?"

He considers all these & his "Ursa stage"
to belong to the Carboniferous, & finds that
in them ~~most~~ more plants are common
to the carboniferous than to the true
Devonian.

He considers the Cyclopteris to be one
of the most characteristic plants of the
"Ursa stage"

He says ^{a list} of 48 plants from St. John's
you give in Acadia geology 37 have
not been found elsewhere, 9 are known
in the Carboniferous & 3 in the Devonian.

It thus ~~is~~ that the greater number of these
which are common to other localities
belong to the Carboniferous.

I have here just put down these few
notes in case you would be interested
in knowing what he is going to say.

His criticisms are at any rate in our
font - manifestly unfair, for of course
in an intermediate flora containing
plants of both Carboniferous & Devonian.

Most of the plants which are common
to other formations, would belong to
the Carboniferous, as far more Carboniferous
plants are known.

I got a letter from Brady the other
day, forwarded from Edinburgh, &
asking my proper address for the
winter, as he had completed looking
over the ostracoids, & wished to send them.

He said they had been some trouble to him on account of their perplexing relations with known British species, & that what he had to say about them he had embodied in a notice to appear in the "Annals & Magazine of Nat. Hist."

I wrote thanking him for his trouble & this morning the specimens arrived, very neatly put up & named. I have not yet had time to look at them at all, but hope soon to send them to you.

He has kept some for "types" to which of course I made him quite welcome.

I have not taken time to go over the adding up of my accounts more than once, but hope you will find them correct.

My Overcoat & trousers for which I am sending P.O. order today, come to £9-15-6.

Believe me, with best wishes to all,
Your affectionate son
Geo. M. Dawson