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Dear Papa.

I read the other day your article on the Carboniferous, in the Leisure Hour & liked it very much indeed. I have not seen any review of your articles, but if I do I will tell you of it. Unfortunately the Leisure Hour is one of the Magazines which is usually passed over in the notices.

I have just this morning received a bundle of (25-copies) your paper on the "Structure of Sigillaria etc". I suppose Mr Dallas as he knows I am going to send a parcel, wishes me to enclose them.

I will call next week (after the present exam) & get your specimens from him & will then enclose all together to Sampson & Low who will I suppose forward through Dawson Bros. What you say about red rocks etc in your last article seems much more sensible than the Inland basin theory, & is very much like what I wrote to you a week or two ago. I fancy I must have derived my ideas on the subject from you. An area where great changes of level & rapid denudation were going on, would be one in which lagoons etc would be very likely to be formed, in which rock salt & gypsum might be deposited; & thus account for the frequent connection of these minerals with red rocks.

Your affectionate Son

George