

Bancroft
London June 24/88

Dear Sir William,

Yours of June 12th has reached me to-day and I shall endeavour to attend to the matters of which you write. You say that you wrote the week before "respecting some Zoological Models from Paris." If so I never got the letter, and therefore I shall not be able to do anything about the models unless it turns up.

I have been in London for nearly a week, but expect to leave for the continent on Monday or Tuesday next. Twice I have dined with Prof. Bonney, and this evening went with him to the meeting of the Geological Society

which was not specially interesting. Bonney leaves next week for Switzerland where he intends to do some geological work. As you no doubt know he is to give up the secretaryship of the British Association.

I spent a couple of days at Manchester and there saw Sir Henry Roscoe and Prof. Williamson, both of whom were very kind to me.

Roscoe is going in for parliament, which is a great pity. He could I am sure be far more useful in his present capacity.

When up at the English Lakes I got a few good minerals at very moderate prices, and have left them in Liverpool at the office of the Steamship Company, to await my return.

At present I have a room

on Jermyn Street close
 to the museum and find
 it very convenient. The
 museum has been improved
 a good deal since I saw
 it last and I hope to get
 some useful hints from it.
 At Owens College also I got
 some information which will
 be valuable if we can get
 any money for fitting up the
 new laboratories. They are
 more & more finding out
 the importance of chemistry
 here, and are devoting more
 & more attention to it every
 day. At Mining College,
 Liverpool, new chemical
 laboratories are being built
 at a cost of about
 £15,000, although the college
 is in many other respects poorly
 equipped.

I have twice seen Mulgan.
He expects to be married in about
three weeks and to take his wife
to Canada in August or early
in September.

It is very late and I have
had a long day, so must not
write any more, but with all
kind regards remain

Your very sincere
B. J. Harrington

Rankin is not expected here
until July 7th, so I fear I
shall miss him. I fancy
too that it will be impossible
for me to attend the meeting of
the Association & remain as
fronoble. —