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Greta Bank Cottage
Kerwick
14/4/76

Dear Darroon,

I was very pleased
to receive your letter dated Jan.
24th and meant to have re-
plied ere now. I have lately
— not three weeks since — lost
my dear Mother, a great Bless-
ing to us all, though the sad event
was accompanied by every alle-
viating circumstance, viz. a
short period of complete laying
up, an absence of great suf-
fering, and a most entire
calmness of mind and trust
in her Saviour. We have laid
her remains in the prettiest
spot in St. John's Churchyard
and now the place seems
doubly dear to me.

Today my poor Father has
been greatly cheered by the
safe arrival of a third grandchild
- to Mrs Knight.

I am glad Selwyn was
pleased about the Rhobell
affair.

What I think I said to you
about movement of vacuous
bubbles - i.e. cause of move-
ment (possible) - was I think
bosh. Forby's recent address
to the Microscop. Soc. disproves
well of some crude notions
I had, and neatly dispelling
them in my own mind.

Your finding of tracks re-
minding you of these Lumb.

Volcanics is very interesting, and
the fact of some beds being so
highly metamorphosed and
others so little, corresponds with
what I have spoken of as "selective
metamorphism" in the
last part of my Granitic
Memoir.

You speak of things being so
dear. I hope your salary is
not paid in "short-bits".

I took a long holiday in Dec
and January with Dunsey and
another Cambridge man. We
ranged through Italy. Vesuvius
was sulky and so rather trying,
in fact I came home with the
worst cold I ever had, and,
as before, none made me
very ill. However it was very

enjoyable altogether and
did me good in their ways -
I am now holding geological
classes both here and at
Cockermouth, with an average
attendance of 30 to 35 at each,
in fact they have been most
encouraging. The Camb. Assoc.
for the Advancement of Lit. & Sci.
has been safely launched
and we have our first An-
nual Meeting at Whitehaven
on May 1st & 2nd. The Bishop
as President. I shall try
and write you a long yarn
when fairly out in the field
again -

Believe me

yours very truly
J. Clifton Ward