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10 Hollis St,
Canandaigua, N.Y.,
Aug 4/86.

Dear George,

Many thanks for
the additional hints conveyed
in yours of July 12th. I have
looked up the papers re-
ferred to, and find them
very curious, though I suspect
the matter is too vague at
present to do much for
dates, especially as the
crumplings along the three
or more great lines of
folding in the N. Hemisphere
immediately approximate one
another so far as the
position of the pole is
concerned.

At the meeting in Birmingham
there will not unlikely be some
discussion as to the permanency
of ocean basins and as
to the equivalency of Formations
around the Pacific, on
the part of people refer-
ring to Australia, India
and the Cape. I have
been looking at the
relics of fossil fauna
Australia in the Sahara,
and making some notes,
and mean to look also
at those from the other
places, and shall
keep in mind your
hint about the Texas.

If anything pertinent to you
turns up in the discussion,
I shall note it to you.
I have got a new Arctic
Map from Stansfeld, and
also a new chart, which
I shall bring out,
and I shall try to get
a tracing of the one ^{A.S.} the
Edge has. If your papers
does not go to press
before Sept., I can
let you see these in
time. I shall send
out States Report by
Post = post to you.
It has no geology but
good topographical

4 cart
mail.
1 Rankine
you get
for M.A.R.
C.S. a
new spec
and is
to sail
again in
the Carthage
on the 13th
MS

Send letter

Rankine acknowledges with thanks your

traits showing localities of
specimens. all the geology
is in Fielder's paper, or
Othrelidge's, which you have
in the Geol. Journal.

These wider geological
questions are beginning to excite
some interest among geologists;
but they have not enough
of knowledge to do much
with them. The field is a
good one, & one Canadian
geology, extending from the At-
lantic to the Pacific affords
a good point of attack in
the matter.

Rankine expects to leave
in the S.S. Carthage for Aus-
tralia about the 13th, and
is I think not very decided
as to future plans.

With love from us all
Ever yours
John Dawson