of paper for myself & what I suppose there is no objection —

I could not answer your letter before as I have been suffering from a severe inflamation of the eyes which quite "shut me up" both - the house & in comparative darkness — I am all right now —

Yours truly

D Forbes

Geologist

Sunday

BLACKER

My dear Jones.

A merry Christmas and happy new year to you and may you live long to enjoy them —

Did you make anything out of that little shell like coustacean fossil which you got from Morris — It occurs at above 3500 & 4000 feet above sea a place called Cachenta on the E slope of the ander S of Mendosa - in soft beds along with abundant impressions of ferns. rushes reeds - but I found no other fossils - the beds are tilted and in some places much altered & volcanic rocks - and appear to correspond with the beds, given - Darwin's section of the Uspallata Pass in which he found a fossil forest — I should like to know your opinion of it before I leave — as to whether you could make anything out of it - if you could make it

like the Bergrichia settle a question. I would (grand)
it may be anything from Wealden up to
tertiary. I should like it to prove Wealden
but it will not affect materially

I send you a lot of specimens of these for
yourself. or I have more duplicates if
you may possibly show the shell or crustacean more clearly
I did not answer your last as I hoped
you would turn up on Friday. but
it is evident that Friday is an unlucky
day and not the Dies Jovis. and
now as I am soon off I cannot
hardly expect to see you. so I send
you a lot of specimens which I had
some time ago promised you and put
aside to await your coming — and
had you come you would certainly
have made a much better haul
however. enclosed is a list of
ones I have sent you and I hope
that they may prove of use to
you (NB. they are not for the
Society but for yourself) — and
you should receive them on Monday
or Tuesday if they deliver on such
days. they are addressed to Zoological Society
Somerset House.

I suppose now that all is arranged
that you have got the illustrations in
course of doing also I may soon expect
to see some proofs which I might still
correct if as I shall not leave before
the 7th January at earliest — I hope
you have got it settled about the 3 compa-
ative sections which I should like
to have put in — (remember they are
only diagrams. but as such are
most important for the understanding
of the paper — and I also especially
want them for the 2d and 3d part
of same to show how correct Darwins
views were about the structure of the
Andes — they will be wanted also
through my whole account of S America
The little sketch of gold workings I
should like done — and it need not
be larger than a vignette —

I should like 150 or 200 copies