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Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland

June 12th 1862

My dear Sir

Glad to hear from you again, and especially on the subject of Carboniferous Entomostraca. The Rantine specimens almost seem like some that were sent me from the same neighbourhood last year, which I have not yet examined with any care. You ask me how I feel towards the Permian and Carbon. Entom. — Well, as kindly as ever! and with a firm resolve someday to learn something more about them. I am of course greatly pleased with your very kind offers of help, but scarcely

know what to say about them. At present I am engaged with a paper on Carboniferous reptilian spines — in which I figure the two Entomostraca I sent you to look at — which I hope to publish in the 'Annals'. When this is done I have to recommence examining a set of fish remains from our Upper Permian limestone, an account of which I wish to have read at the Geol. Soc. early next session. Thus I expect I shall have enough work on my hands until the close of the year. Nevertheless, I shall be glad to join you in an investigation of the Carboniferous Entomostraca. In this case I should of course like to see your materials. Supposing you agree to a joint investigation I would

undertake to make working sketches
of all the species, and to draft out
the descriptions, and to do anything else
that my knowledge of the subject would
allow. You would have to do as you
chose, the working out of the
affinities, and the general supervision
of the whole. An arrangement of
this kind would scarcely interfere much
with your other subjects of investigation.
Before you accept this proposal I
should like you to understand that
my knowledge of Entomostraca is very
limited, and nothing like what it
ought to be for the colleague
of one so learned in the subject
as yourself. The advantage in fact
will be greatly on my side, in
almost every respect. If you
only think over this and talk

me your opinion you will oblige me.

I only heard last week that you had resigned the Secretaryship of the Gal. Soc. and extremely sorry I was to hear it. I do very much fear that they will get anyone to edit so carefully the Journal. Who are trying for it? Or who is to have it?

My kind respects and

Believe me

Yours faithfully

James W. Kirkley

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Ashgrove, Windygates, Fife
Nov 16th 1882

My dear Jones

I am glad to hear from you, and hope that you will kindly overlook my long silence.

With the exception of July and August I was at Allithwaite, near Grange over Sands from April to November, having returned here some ten days ago. I thought of writing several times, but having nothing to say as to

work done for Kitty to be done, allowed my laziness to have its way. I tramped about a bit, and saw the country; and now and then put a hammer in my pocket, and looked at the rocks, = Upper Silurian, Carboniferous limestone, and in one place a wee bit of Permian breccia. I feel rather better — as long as I don't sit too long reading. Here are some little bits of our long investigation of Carbonif. Erections. That I should

have liked to have assisted
you in working up for publication.
Particularly the pomp Kirkleys
with its allies. One must live
in hope to get amongst them
again some time or other.

I shall work again soon.
With my kindest wishes, believe
me

Yours faithfully
Jas W. Kirkby

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