BLACKER

St Andrews
March 16/87

Dear Professor

Many thanks for your kindly testimonial & for the generous way in which you have therein alluded to my scientific work. I am positive I forwarded you a copy of my little Trap book about a year ago; but I must have packed it up hastily; and it probably was lost in transit. I send you another with this, and if I find anything else which I think would interest you I shall forward it in the future.

Pray do not trouble to write a word in connection with those fragmentary papers of mine. I know how dry and absurd & complex they look to all who are not like myself just a little rabid upon the matter. Hopkinson may do as he pleases.

When I asked him to write a line upon the subject, it was as much for his own sake as my own; as I thought he would like to refer to some disputed points indicated to him.

I hope to be in London in a month or two. If so I trust we shall have a long talk together on matters geological and palæontological. You promised me some table of Palæozoic

strata which has not yet reached me. Of course I shall be delighted to receive anything for loopreail.

Once more thanking you for your kindness & sympathy

Believe me

my dear Professor

Yours respectfully

Chas. Lapworth.