

73, Harley St

London. W.

10. June 1870

My dear Dawson

Accept Lady Lyell's
thanks & mine for the excellent
photograph of yourself which
we look upon as a valuable
parting gift. We possessed
before, a good one which
you gave us & which
was taken some years ago.

I am sorry we have
seen so little of you owing
partly to the great distances
in London & my inability

To go out to Scientific
Evening Lectures. I had
almost forgotten to speak
of the Photographs you
have sent me of fossil
Plants. I hope your
son, when he is next here
will be able to tell me
what they are. I see
that one is the structure
of wood. I suppose
Carboniferous or Devonian
another a Sigillaria
& the third I cannot

guess. I do not write
this with my own pen
as in addition to the
usual want of eye-power
I am plagued, as you
saw on Wednesday evening,
with a sty.

Believe me

ever affectionately yours
Chas Lyell

April 9th 1870