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My dear Dawson

Since I received your letter  
of Dec 9<sup>th</sup> I have seen  
Carruthers & found he was  
quite of your opinion both  
as to the merits & demerits  
of Schimper's book. Seer  
told me that he had asked  
Schimper whether he had ever  
heard of Ad. Brongniart's  
name of Lepidodendron  
Griffithii as applied to the  
Hiltorian Cyclostegia. Schimper  
had replied that he knew of  
no such name. Carruthers

Then showed me a paper in  
the Dublin Journ. Royal Dublin  
Society. Vol 1. p 313. I think  
the date was Feb. 1857. And  
the paper by Haughton. I  
rather wonder, that as Beer  
had had several Commu-  
-nications with the Dublin  
Geologists Scott, Bailey & others  
who had been sending him  
specimens of their Polygonous  
plant that they had never  
spoken of the original paper  
in the Dublin Journal. - If  
you say the number of these  
separate Transactions and

Periodicals ~~is~~ has become a  
nuisance I fully agree with  
you. The descriptions &  
comments given by Brongniart  
are those of a Master & I very  
much suspect that had he  
seen more specimens he might  
have come round to the  
present opinions of Carruthers  
But I would rather you  
should settle this in a cor-  
-respondence with the latter.

As I am not on the  
Council of the Royal Society  
I am not informed as to  
the person who is referee  
of your paper & it might

be thought very indiscreet  
in me if I were to enquire.  
All I could learn from official  
quarters was that the matter  
had not gone through the  
publication Committee when  
I last wrote to you about it.

No one is more anxious to  
see the Paper out than I am.

You might I should think  
with propriety ask the  
Secretary about it.

Yours son George. Dined  
with us on Thurs-Eve. &  
again at Colonel Lyell's on  
New Year's-day. at both

parties we were all  
pleased with the cheerful  
& gay manner in which he  
joined with other young  
people in the Christmas  
games - He also thought he  
conversed very intelligently  
& agreeably on a variety of  
subjects Scientific & political

With our kind  
regards to Mrs Dawson &

your daughter believe  
me ever most truly yrs

Chas Lyell

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