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My dear Dawson.

I shall give due attention
to your remark about the lower
Coal measures in my Thesaurus
Carboniferus - and am thankful
for it -

I shall be grateful for further infor-
-mation on this subject, Devonian
or Carboniferus -

The Thes. Carbonarius has given me
so much trouble, that I have been
several times faint and weary: - almost
tired out - but it is all but done
now - I have received great help
from Helder Bailey (Irish Survey) and
Etheridge Jun^r - (Scotch Survey)

My long interview with M. de Vorniel
3 months ago was remarkably pleasant
and was profitable in Spanish and
French Pal^y —

With respect to Mr Carruthers — He is an
active Christian of the Presbyterian Church
— working member of a body who seek
out the poor of a district near which he
lives — but he is positive & tenacious of
his opinions botanical — and probably
combative — as shown in his controversy
with Mr Nicholson of Edinburgh —

He appears to rank high in public —
and at the British Museum has several
subordinate employes. —

He has had my *Carbonif. Botany* under
correction for five months — which he
undertook

understood most graciously - and peremptorily
refused remuneration -

I believe him to be unpleasant in printed
disputes - and therefore ~~to~~ am ready to accept
your statements about him -

I was greatly disconcerted by the R. Soc
not printing your plates & letter press about
the St John & other plants - and I laid some
honest traps to find out how it came to pass -
but in vain - altho I could imagine
how it was & who did it -

It will be quite a mistake if you fall into
personalities - the soft answer wins -

I leave Harrogate D.V. on the 28th for
home - I expect James Hall of Albany
to be 10 days at my house very early in
October - and perhaps Kominck of Liege
at the same time - a painful pleasure

in my somewhat weakened health - I require
great quiet at all times and specially after
dinner - I am unable to prophesy what
sort of an old gentleman you will be at my
age of 80 full - but with much more vigor
and spring than I have -

I have no news about geologists - I have not
once since my dear wife's death been to the
Geolog. Club dinner - Every thing has become
so flat & without interest. They have made me
Honorary Member (very kind and rare)

Please to give my best wishes & regards to
Mrs & Miss Dawson - and to my young pheloso
- pher friend George -

I am my dear Dawson
Yours very sincerely
J. J. Bigsby

