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For C. Lyell

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My dear Dawson

Have been reading with  
great interest your son George's  
papers from the Canadian  
Naturalist which he sent me,  
& cannot resist the pleasure  
it gives me to say how  
superior they appear to me  
when compared to the ~~writing~~

1891  
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Papers of most writers of his age  
& standing -

The style is so clear & the paper  
on the "Lignite Formations" without  
being overloaded with detail  
gives so concisely all the  
features of the formations  
which he has been studying.  
I look forward to his playing  
a great part in the geology

of the future -  
My young friend Mr. Judd has  
just returned from an exploration  
of the country round Naples, &  
of the Lipari & Ponza islands as  
well as of Stira, & among news of  
quite a different kind he tells me  
that the so-called *Orthoceras*ites  
of the St Cassian beds (of which  
some specimens are in the  
Naples Museum) have been shown  
by Fr. von Hauer to have real

affinities with the Belmontites  
the phragmacones of which they  
appear to represent. He adopts views  
very similar to mine in regard to  
them indeed I do not think he differs  
essentially in anything so far as the  
snow enabled him to explore & he  
evidently comes to the conclusion  
that the idea of deciding the age of  
rocks by the varying nature of their  
volcanic products will have to be  
abandoned but I shall be able  
to tell you more of this when I have  
conversed more with him.  
ever yours  
Chas Lyell