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My dear Dawson

Three days ago I sent to
you at Montreal a copy of my
new *Thesaurus* to you and another
to your son so respectfully worthy of
such a father — I beg your
acceptance of them — and can only say
in favour of the book — that it is the
product of unsparring and conscientious
labour with uncommonly large help
from brother geologists and from Lebra-
rie — Barrande has examined it
and commends it freely. —

Thank you for a nice letter
and I am yours
and ever
I am
yours
and
ever
yours

copy 5.00
16.00

Any corrections of yours will be most
acceptable — It was not easy to fix the
age of the New Brunswick Quarterly —
but I hope, there is a decision about
right — Schimper had other opinions

My weakness from age prevents my
seeing many people — but I know that
in all points the Geol. Soc. of L. is very
flourishing — and that clear men are
writing for it and managing its
affairs —

I am shocked at the indifference with
which the infidel opinions of ^{some} British
savans are treated — listened to in
lectures — and received into intimate
society — In my introduction (written
hastily)

I put in a word for a Personal God

I am now marshalling my ^{large} materials
for a commentary on the Thes: ~~Dissert~~
Carbon: Any how, it gives me pleasant
employ - altho I hardly expect to live to
complete it - I intend to be well
guided by Rupert Jones F.R.S. a very
gifted and learned and honest man

We have long been friends -

I had always the efficient aid of
Etheridge - but sometimes I was too
poorly to go to him -

Mr Sorby seems very acceptable to the
Geolog. Soc - Etheridge will review
my book in the Geol. Mag. - and
perhaps Dallas in one of the several
Magazines he edits -

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I wish some American would do it
for Sullivan's J.C.

I have sent copies to most of the State
Geologists of America

Please to give my very kind
remembrances to Mrs Dawson; and to
Mrs Harrington —

Jefferys. Rauesay. Woodward. Goodell
are all well and busy —

Yours very sincerely

J. J. Briggs

De Koninck is very low on account
of the death of his good wife — and
is about to go to Italy for six weeks