

Geological Survey Offices.
March 27th 1885.

My dear Sir William.

I hardly know how
to give expression to my
feelings of thankfulness
& indebtedness to you
for all your kindnesses,
for your favour bringing
the intimation of the
decision arrived at by your
Faculty, having accepted
the Thesis. It is to
you, Sir, that I owe

all this essentially. The
ardent love for Natu-
-ral Science studies
which you have imparted
to me I hope shall be
lasting and not forget-
-ful. Whilst I cannot
but feel joyful at the
result still I am
sorry that owing to my
illness in January I had
to rush the work quicker
than I had expected & was
-deed had not had
sufficient time to revise
it fully & critically.
The criticisms mentioned
I accept most rightly
& generously

trusting that if ever I
have another such task
to perform I shall profit
by it. I must be thank-
-ful that I now enjoy
good health & believe
it, since the middle of January
have put in as much
work as possible outside
of office hours at scolo-
gical & Palaeontological
pursuits. Dr G. M. Dawson
has been very kind and
is assisting me greatly
now in my obtaining
a more definite position
on the staff "to be allowed
to work one-half the
year at some

definite group of fossils".
Since Mr. Foord resigned I had
his duties (Palaeont.) thrown
on my shoulders besides
Mr. Syrett's, who resigned &
then my own besides. Yet
there is much that is interesting
notwithstanding the fact that
I am used to work from
Cambrian fossils to Archaean
What grieves me more is to see
work not done which outsi-
-ders pick up & describe before
we do. E.g. recently 2 fine crin-
-oids which I had almost a daily
opportunity of seeing, one species
being described but not published
here - all necessary studies
I had made; yet another
one has now described it,
but I must not complain.

I sincerely thank you, Sir
Mr. for your great kindness &
hope that Lady & Miss Darnley
are quite well as to
Yours affectionately
Henry M. Seeley.