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Dear Mr. William

I was very glad to receive your letter but surprised to see it with Canadian stamps, as I did not know you had left Britain & had hoped to see you again in Scotland -

In the last two days of the British Assoc. Meeting, I was a good deal in the Botanical section as you suspected, & though I tried to see you, failed in so doing - I was not staying in Liverpool, but at Newton-le-Willows with a friend, & to get home in time for dinner (a most important appointment) I had to leave about 5 o'clock, or I would have called for you at your hotel in the evening. - During the Meeting I knew your time was very fully occupied & you had many friends there, but I fully expected to see you next again so did not write. - I trespass too much on your little time you had to spare in Liverpool. - I am very sorry I did not see more



of you, but it can not be helped.  
- I was very glad to have the pleasure  
of seeing you at all -

My time has been much  
broken up lately so I have not  
been able to devote myself very  
much to my present plans, but  
now hope to get more undisturbed  
time for carrying on such work  
but it is difficult to know where  
to begin after a break - The hum-  
:dred & one things that have to be  
attended to, many of which are  
most unconfemial but what must  
be done, take up a lot of time &  
often all leave little to show -  
& every year, one gets more & more  
outside matters thrown on them  
which could be performed quite  
as well or better by a man  
without a hobby - but I must  
not grumble - I shall be very  
glad to hear from you again  
when you have more time.

My sister sends in kindest  
regards -  
Yours very

W. Ross

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