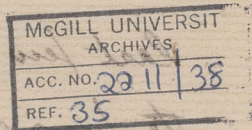


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Dear Papa,

We have now had
ten of prof Huxley's lectures. He
has begun in the same way as
last year & intends to devote about
30 lectures to biology generally as
illustrated first by plants then
animals. The matter of the lectures
is very much the same as last
session but much better arranged.
Last session was the first course
he gave in this progressive way
& commencing from the lowest forms
& in consequence, I suppose, there was
considerable lack of arrangement.

is very much bothered with
the "School board" at present, & for the
last few days has been obliged to change
the hour of his lecture. The board having
decided to sit day after day till they
have settled some points now under
discussion.

Sir R. Bunschensons funeral took
place last Friday (Oct 27) They tried
to keep down the numbers as much
as possible but still had a great
many, including representatives of
the various scientific societies, the Museum
&c. The Queen also sent one
of her carriages, & so did Baron
Bruno the Russian Minister.

Lockyer & several others constituting
the expedition going to Ceylon for the
eclipse of December have just
sailed, as you will see by "nature".

I took up some of my Skiddaw
fossils to Etheridge yesterday & got
him to give me the names. As they
had not a trilobite in the museum
to represent the Skiddaw slates I gave
them the one I found.

I have got a first instalment of books
as follows

Siluria

Anatomy, Quain, ed Sharpe, 8^{vo} 2 Vols

as a book of reference for the Natural History 8^{vo}

Mitchell's Manual of Zoology 8^{vo} ed.

Manual of Zoology Nicholson. Huxley

having somewhat recommended it in his lectures.

Handbook of Geol. Terms Pepp

Vertebrate Anatomy Huxley.

Elms Physiology

(new ed)

I want to get a good book on Urinary but
cannot hear of any, in fact Smyth says
there is none & so I suppose we must
trust to lecture notes mainly. with
reference to works in the library, & models
in the museum.

I am sorry I have not
time to go in for the Metallurgy
lectures as they are so good &
practical; but of course cannot, & will
find when the evening begins that
I have little enough time in the
laboratory, or for notes & reading in
the evenings.

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I went to a meeting of the Quekett
Club last Friday. There were
several interesting papers, & objects
on exhibition. In a paper on some species
of buoyoon there was rather a useful hint.
Namely; that if a little alcohol was added to
sea water containing them under the microscope
they would at once come out & show
themselves very lively. By adding more little by
little they are killed at last, & thus may be
mounted in an expanded state.

Your affectionate son
George