

18 Oct. 1883.

William

Dear Father,

I have received your welcome letter of the 3rd Oct. from Fock-Lerry. Anna + Bernard took dinner with us on Tuesday & we had quite a pleasant time reading all the different letters received, & hearing all the news.

I have received several bundles of pamphlets from you which I have laid away. Do you wish the papers kept which you have ~~sent~~ sometimes send, containing reports of addresses meetings, &c.? Amongst letters rec^d this week is a Post Card from Geinitz acknowledging your paper on "Creta^s + Tertiary Flora" & mentioning the death of G. Heer as having recently

taken place. Also a letter from
B. W. Thomas of Chicago, about some
discord forms from the clay of L.
Michigan, of which slides (trans. &
Spagne) have been sent. I will ask
him if he wishes them forwarded to
you. Bernard looked at them, but
does not recognize them. They look
something like this under a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch
objective: - - - - -

I have retained a copy of
the "Christian" containing a report
of the Assⁿ meetings. I have enclosed
the wrapper which as you may perhaps
recognize the writing.

I have written to Ryan to put
up the furnace pipes. It is still
fine & pleasant, but it is better
to have them ready. I am also getting
the garden put to rights. The last
of the grapes are now in.

I am now working at the final

Plans for the St. John bridge. They
will form a sheet 6 ft. by 3 ft. and
include the general view, ^{plan,} cross sections
& details. The central span is 475
feet. I have made the final calcula-
tions since I returned, & a week or
two more will see the ^{general} drawings finished.
I have taken my table lamp to the
Office & fitted an argand burner to it
which I found in one of your drawers;
it used to belong to your library light.

Rankine sent a P. Card to say
he intended coming down this week;
but he has not yet arrived. I
have been carrying on a correspondence
with Ramsay ~~about~~ about the con-
tent of the power of Att^y you have
left. He has drawn up another
relative to Major Mills Bequest, &c.
he tells me, which he will forward
for your signature.

I do not remember any other items

Most letters I can refer to some one
connected with the College. I keep a
list of all received, for reference.

We are both well. Florence is
writing to Mother & will give all
the news. She sends love to all.

Your affectionate son

William.

P.S. As I was writing Bernard
came in to say Franklin had re-
ceived, & we went up to Anna's to
see him. He is looking very well
indeed.