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HURSTLEIGH,
KEW.

4th June 1882.

My dear Sir,

My personal acquaintance with your father dates from about 1875, when I was much in the company of the late Sir Charles Lyell. Frequent letters passed between the two old friends, and I was made happy by the receipt of the kindest messages from him.

After Sir Charles' death

your father ~~used to~~ called upon
me and every year until when
he came to London, used to
either call and see me or
send me an invitation to
take luncheon with him, and
talk over geological questions.

I shall always look back
on these interviews with the
greatest delight - remembering
the wonderful suggestiveness of
his conversation, and the kind

and keen interest he took in
my pursuits. The letters I
have ~~made~~ for the most part
were notes making appointments
for these geological chats. I
send some of the longer of these,
as they illustrate your father's
continued interest in geological
subject in his later years.

I have a very lively
recollection of some of his
anecdotes and sayings on
geological subjects, and
if they would be of service
to you should be glad to

write them out and forward
them to you. Some of the
circumstances relating to their
intercourse, which were told
me by Lyell, may also be
of use to you.

I hope that Mrs Darwin's
health has not suffered from
the great shock she has
sustained.

Yours very faithfully
W. M. Stodd

F. Darwin Esq.