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My dear Frank

Thanks for your note.

As the risk of losing you & your  
family, I must tell you of  
a proposition of the Editors  
of Nation is regard to the  
articles, because I think  
it should be clear that there  
are no objections to the copies  
they propose, on the part of <sup>your family.</sup> ~~the~~  
It is to publish about 5  
consecutive articles, on your

father's  
life & works, to be written  
by the Romanes, giving all  
information in my power &  
at my discretion. Their  
contents would be brief  
notices of 5 <sup>1. Charwell</sup> ~~branches~~, 2 his  
voyage, 3 his life, & <sup>4 & 5</sup> his works,  
1 & 2 on taking the Molay,  
Romanes the Zoology &  
Geikie the Geology & Mineral  
Geology. (I should have  
preferred just, but was  
not consulted.) -

Then they further propose to  
reprint <sup>& publish</sup> all in a separate form,  
retaining the copy-right -  
of this <sup>retention of copy-right</sup> means any restriction  
whatever on the family's use of  
all every part of the contents  
of the said publication, for  
a future <sup>purpose</sup> complete biography by  
the family with its approval,  
I should <sup>hesitate</sup> before  
accepting his letter for the  
purpose of "Nature" - If it  
does not, there are considerations  
of profits which should also have  
to be considered - mine of  
my, & <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ percentage of the  
publisher should <sup>I think</sup> go to the  
"Dixon fund" which it is

proposed to create.

You may not have heard that  
at a private meeting <sup>last</sup> Saturday -  
present: Shottiswoode, Eveson, Lubbock,  
D. y. Sibley, Fowler, F. Gatten, Rusch  
Huxley. Sohamiller. Tynedale & self  
it was agreed that <sup>money</sup> a fund should  
be raised for a book to be  
placed in the abbey & ~~etc~~ to create  
a fund ~~to be created~~ to be  
administered by the R. S. Council  
& called "The Darwin fund for  
"the advancement of Biological  
"research."

Yours ally

M. S. Peck