

time, he had received less training in the characters of minerals and rocks than that which the more severe schools of science exacted, and his imperfect vision was a great hindrance in field work, and sometimes even a source of personal danger; but when facts, however complex, were once obtained, they grouped themselves in his mind in their natural relations with an unfailing certainty, while their connections with all the other parts of his vast stores of knowledge, and the general conclusions deducible from them, came out with a degree of clearness always beautiful, and often even startling.

“Another quality of his mind was the fresh and vivid interest, almost childlike, which every new truth awakened in him. This feeling is more or less that of every true naturalist. It depends on the clear perception of what is presented to us, and on the keen realisation of its relation to things previously known, and perhaps still more on the sudden breaking of those new relations upon the mind, as if with a flash of divine light. I well remember how, after we had disinterred the bones of *Dendrerpeton* from the interior of a large tree on the Joggins shore, his thoughts ran rapidly over all the strange circumstances of the burial of