

"The benefits rendered by Lyell to American geology, in connection with his several visits to this continent, it would not be easy to overestimate. At the time of his first visit, few English geologists had seen those great breadths of the older, and of the more recent formations, by which this continent is distinguished, or had had the means of realising for themselves the resemblances and differences of the formations on the opposite sides of the Atlantic; and American and British workers in these subjects were little known to each other. The visits of Sir Charles Lyell did much to remedy all this. His own mind was filled with those grander aspects of geological phenomena which appear in America. He brought into correspondence with each other such workers in science as his intuitive tact perceived to be suited to give mutual aid. In British America, in particular, his agency in this way was very valuable in bringing together the widely-separated cultivators of science, and in linking them with the scientific movements of the mother country.

"Nor were his visits barren of purely scientific results. He may have made few discoveries of new facts—and he had not time