

former supporters. I have therefore, in compliance with the wishes of my scientific friends, disposed of my entire collection to the Trustees of the British Museum.

But although the main object of my labours has thus been frustrated, and that collection, which would have been of tenfold importance if located in the district from whence it was derived, and whose physical structure it was designed to illustrate, is now broken up, and will be dispersed through the cabinets of our National Institution, yet the most interesting specimens are so unique, and so strikingly distinct from any others hitherto obtained, that they may be referred to with facility, when the gallery of organic remains in the British Museum shall be finally arranged.

I avail myself of this means to record the deep sense of obligation I feel to many excellent friends, for their strenuous and unremitting exertions to prevent the dispersion of my Museum, and establish it on a permanent basis in my native county. And although their efforts have proved unavailing, a time will assuredly come, when their endeavours to promote a taste for scientific knowledge among