

1850. *Olim meminisse juvabit!* and then, my dear and valued and most enlightened friend, we may study once more together the surface of my native rocks for "auld lang syne." . . .

FROM CHARLES DARWIN.

DOWN, FARNBOROUGH, KENT, }  
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MY DEAR SIR, — I have seldom been more deeply gratified than by receiving your most kind present of "Lake Superior." I had heard of it, and had much wished to read it, but I confess it was the very great honor of having in my possession a work with your autograph, as a presentation copy, that has given me such lively and sincere pleasure. I cordially thank you for it. I have begun to read it with uncommon interest, which I see will increase as I go on.

The Cirrepedia, which you and Dr. Gould were so good as to send me, have proved of great service to me. The sessile species from Massachusetts consist of five species. . . . Of the genus *Balanus*, on the shores of Britain, we have *one* species (*B. perforata* Brugière), which you have not in the United States, in the same way as you exclusively