

lihood of your being able to come over in the course of the summer or autumn. I fully expected you last year, and was very much disappointed that you could not realize your intention. I have this day sent to you through Baillière, the last decade of the Jermyn St. publications.<sup>1</sup> You will see that Huxley has taken up the subject of the Devonian fishes in a truly scientific spirit. . . .

FROM OWEN TO AGASSIZ.

BRITISH MUSEUM, *Aug. 30, 1862.*

MY DEAR AGASSIZ, — I have received, and since its reception have devoted most of my spare moments to the study of, your fourth volume of the "Natural History of the United States," — a noble contribution to our science, and worthy of your great name.

The demonstration of the unity of plan pervading the diversities of the Polyps, Hydroids, Acalephal and Echinodermal modifications of your truly natural group of Radiates, is to my mind perfect, and I trust that the harsh and ugly and essentially error-breeding name of Coelenterata may have received its final sentence of exile from lasting and rational zoölogical terminology.

<sup>1</sup> Publications of the Geological Survey of England.