

reason we occupied ourselves only in my official tours in Wales and in Cornwall, and have just paid several continental visits which I wish to make, and among them a trip at Vienna.

I have also this year and a half past been more than usually occupied in London by being President of the Geological Society. As such I have to give, about the middle of February, an address to the Society on various geological matters; and I wish to set before them some of the main scientific results and the recent progress of your great survey, if you can aid me with notes on the subject. Perhaps you could send me such a sketch of your doings as I might translate and produce for the occasion.

Another thing which I wish to ask of you is, whether any observations on temperature have been made in the new very deep workings of the Pyzibram mines? If so and you could give me the results, I should much like to put them along with some that I have myself collected. Unfortunately, with the great depression of the price of metals our deepest mines have been abandoned: the deepest copper mine, Fowey Consols, I examined last year, previous to its being given up, when it was 340 fathoms deep from surface; so that now our deepest working is in a colliery. Our friend Ramsay has had to make a retreat from London on account of scarlet fever attacking his children, and he is at present at Besenaris in Anglessey, but