

I shall be the
Habiturton
affectionately concerned
to Caroline Dalgarno
show you into the

Bridge House
Richmond
12th Nov -

My dear Mr Darwin

Your kind letter
has very gratifying been, for
while memory lasts, the name
of Darwin, will always be
most dear to me - I have
been looking up all the letters
I can find, & I fancy there
may be one or two more
in a sealed up box, now

at my Bankers - You will, I
think, see that the letters I
send, though invaluable to
me, are not calculated for
publication, being full of
allusions, which would not
interest the public mind -
As to my youthful recollections
of Charles Darwin, the same
observations would apply - I have
a wonderfully vivid recollection
of some of our bygone days,
He was the greatest friend of
us all, my Father especially,

who believed he could do no
wrong, not even when, having
offered a reward of sixpence, he
a certain Beagle found among Skins,
my young Brother trampled
to death a whole bed of
them! He had the most
heartily laugh I ever remember,
I had the knack of interesting
us in his pursuits - Very
great was our sorrow, when he
departed on his Beagle Expedition,
but my Father would see
him return, & I believe read
every word of his narrative,
So upright, so modest, so
single minded, oh, when shall
his like be seen again!

But these recollections, precious
as they are, to those who loved
him, would not be understood
by the Outside World —

I know you will kindly return
me these letters, at your leisure
Should I find any others, I will
send them, I have so often
been asked for Autographs, that I
have given away snaps of his
letters —

I hope you will be pleased with
your new Winter abode, & I
also hope we may continue to
meet somewhere somewhere, next
Spring — Will you thank your
son for his letter, and I think
I have answered to you, I believe
me always yours affectionately

S. H. Palustris