

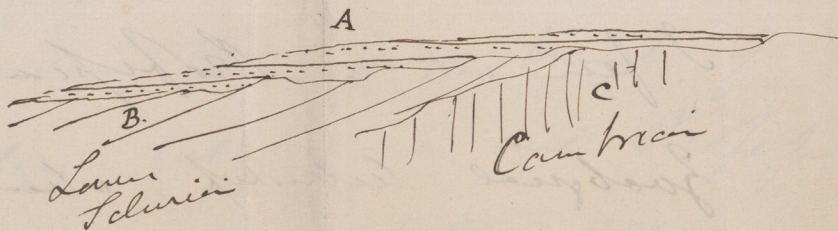
C. Lyell
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Dear Dawson

Your letter has reached me in the midst of a geological tour in "Siluria" when I have been verifying the interesting fact of the upper Caradoc sandstone of Murchison with *Pentamerus*, *Lovis* & *Blanques* resting on the Cambrian as well as Lower Silurian series.



- A - Caradoc or Mayhill Sandstone — Middle Silurian or beds of Papsay.
- B. *Llandeilo* &c.
- C. Older beds, visited before of *St. George* -

I was very glad to
hear of the offer of the Readership
to you of McGill's college - for I
think it may be more useful
to secure than any geological
Chair which at present I
see any prospect of in Edinburgh
for I fear the Medical stu-
dents will henceforth not be
required to attend any other
than the Nat. Hist. & Anatomy
I fear into a Professorial &
Zoological lectures which was
not the meaning of said chair.

If a new chair be created now
I almost fear it will fare worse
for Geology than if things are
left in statu quo, for now it is
the duty of Allman who I am
told knows something of paleontology
to try & compensate for the omission of
the old geol. & mineralog. part of the
course by doing what he can in tea-
ching the bearing of fossils on
our science - If he does so
he may inculcate a large class
with some taste for a branch of
Geology but if a new Professor
of Geology be appointed Allman will
omit it wholly & the new science

I told Mr Bell what great reason I had to feel that the best place
occupied amongst us here a list of candidates most of them were from
embly, we satisfactory & hoped my distinguished & I shall see to it
glad if you could identify him with the name on your side the water -

but he even so eminent will have a
very small attendance, for there are
quite enough already of compulsory
lectures & the burden of the medical
students are of any the too great.

I should not be surprised if
a year hence you might have the
new chair if any one is created but
I believe you would do more at Mon-
tréal especially if you are not re-
quired to give lectures or only a
very moderate number for the other
most the progress of our capability
of original discoveries - I will
write again from Glasgow -

we meet you
Chas Lyell

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