

James Hall
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My dear Sir,

I received your letter some time more than three weeks since and the next day set to work on the specimens.

They at once revealed to me the fact that they are from the horizon of the Clinton Group or very near the same, as you will yourself see by my remarks.

Having been working pretty hard and continuing to go on with my work and making this an extra matter my head gave way & I was compelled to be quiet for a time so that I have only been able to take

up the fossils last week
- I intended to send my
preliminary remarks on
Saturday but the delay in
copying prevented -

I believe you will
be able to send them -

I took both your last
collections marked I. finding
the number and some that
you sent long since to me
and have examined the
whole together -

I am now quite at
a loss how I could
have supposed these
were of Hamilton Group
age - I cannot find the
crinulated hinges which
I recollect seeing or
believing saw long ago,
and we have Clidophores
instead of Mucedites.

I shall send you by
tomorrow or Wednesday
descriptions of more than
thirty new species, and
you will see that as I
have made careful com-
parisons you have found
more new species than
I anticipated - You may
depend on getting the descriptions
sent you here not later than
Wednesday -

I may not have time to
write a word with this -
Many specimens are
imperfect & obscure and
the descriptions of course
not very full - the whole
collection will be at your
service, but I should so
much like to see all
you have together with
this, now that the

Dunrobin
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I have not yet taken
up the iron ore specimens
but I feel quite sure
they are Oriskany sandstone
and the large Strophodontata
So. magnifica - I think
will have no doubt of
the age of these fossils when
I send you the descriptions.
- would it be desirable for
you to send you other collections
of Oriskany and have me label
them at this time -
were they now here I could
do the work in a day

With kind regards
I remain, very truly

Yours
J. M. Hall

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