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my dear Sir,

I have, by numerous little hindrances been prevented writing you till this time. I waited sending the box in order to include some specimens from Ohio which had been sent on by my assistant in the field, and therefore you did not get it as I had promised - after packing it I found I had left out some specimens which I forwarded through the kindness of Prof. Quirk on Monday -

In regard to the specimen marked 18 m. - It is not the one I thought of when I wrote you 18 m. means 18 mile creek on Lake Erie, and I have

never doubted its genuineness -  
I collected many years since  
several fragments of similar  
character from a limestone  
at the top of the Hamilton  
group at Smite creek on  
Lake in - This one is the  
only one that I can now  
put my hand upon, and  
the only chance is that  
something <sup>else</sup> may have been  
mingled with these long  
since and this is the accidental  
specimen - Still I cannot  
believe there is any fallacy.  
- No doubt has ever crossed  
my mind before, and but  
for the remarkable character  
of the specimen I should  
not think of suggesting a  
possibility of some accident.  
I have looked for more, but  
the only similar thing

that I have - that is in  
general similarity to the one  
from 18m - as I recollect it  
originally - are the true parts  
of one plant from near  
Seneca Lake as labelled on  
the specimens - of these there  
is no question -

I have a few fragments of the  
thing and a larger specimen  
of the same. Similar to the  
Zilicites of our Reports, and  
if you think it worth while  
will make up a small  
parcel soon - There are in  
some boxes now being opened.

Enclosed in the box  
some specimens of Hydrozoa  
and Siphonaria. For your  
examination and opinion  
as to their nature, and if  
not very desirable if you  
had intended to notice

them myself, since I have  
been for many years getting  
everything of the kind, - They  
have a peculiar geological  
or stratigraphical interest  
for me and I have been for  
along time tracing their geographical  
distribution - I shall be very glad  
for any hints regarding their nature.  
- Please see also *Uphantonia*  
in Vancouver's Report -

of the specimens marked  
with a round orange colored  
ticket the list appended will  
give information - Those  
marked with a square or oblong  
label are authentic, those  
from most of us are doubtless  
of the Catlett group while  
those without labels may  
be taken as somewhat doubtful.

It may be that the indications  
of position given are all  
correct -

Excuse myself at your service  
for anything of this kind you  
may want from my col-  
league begging you to excuse  
my slowness - which is in  
part caused by very poor health  
(tell within a week), and  
also numerous pressing  
engagements

I did not return the  
payment of 18m but will  
do so if you need it.

I am very truly

Yours

James Hall

J. W. Dawson Ltd

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- nos 1 - 4 Marcellus shale\*  
 6. Ham. Gr. Cayuga  
 7, 8, 9, & 10 Hamilton group  
 11 - 17 Genesee slate shore  
 of Cayuga Lake -  
 18 & 19. Ham. group  
 20, 21, 22, 23, Catskill or above.  
 24 - 36 Catskill group  
 37, 38 & 39 Chemung group from  
 Cascade falls, near Owego  
 and near Elmira respectively

Other specimens labelled with  
 localities - mostly from Chemung  
 group N York or Ohio

Richfield Ohio nearly same horizon  
 as above. Cortland N.Y. is  
 in middle of Chemung group -

I may have omitted to notice some  
 other specimens, but I think you  
 have information of the whole.

\* See of these similar species, not not sent.