

Albany Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 1883

My dear Sir,

I have intended for a long time to send you the paper I wrote on Devonian Flora.

I regretted very much not to have the paper from you but as I had given it among the titles of papers in sending in my report and had left a place for it there was no alternative.

If I have committed any error of magnitude there is still time (for a day or two) to notice them in correction.

The delay in ~~proofing~~ <sup>lithographing</sup>

The plate has been the  
cause of delay in publishing  
and I am only reminded  
now that the last plate  
is finished -

I left the Ms on the  
Dev. plan in the hand  
of the printer & arrange  
and it is not quite as  
I would have done it.

He complained that to use  
quotation marks for  
so much as I had copied  
would be too much trouble  
and he therefore adopted the  
mode you see followed.

I believe it will be  
understood -

The descriptions of the  
Potterian Society was finished  
in the early part of Sept.  
and went away from home

In two weeks intending, when  
I should return to send a set of  
the sheets to Mr Billings and yourself.  
~~It~~ I have waited for the  
last plate before doing so and  
I have corrected the proof by hand.

- Will you please place  
this copy of Potidam Joses  
in Mr Billings hands as  
early as you can con-  
veniently do so, since  
for various reasons I  
am desirous of knowing that  
he receives it.

I have told Sir William  
that I send it to you for  
this purpose -

There is a supplementary  
note following which I  
do not send but this will  
soon follow with the  
enatare & you will have  
complete copies of the Report.

Put Ball  
Staff B

I send these sheets to Mr Billings  
since Sir William informs  
me that Mr B. is working  
on some older fossils and,  
would if possible avoid  
any misunderstanding.

In Sept. a correspondent  
whom I had mentioned  
that my paper on Potidana  
fossils was nearly completed,  
remarked in reply, that if  
I was working on Potidana  
fossils I would come into  
collision with Mr Billings  
and Dr Shumard - whatever  
this may mean I do not know.

I am very truly  
Yours  
James Hall

J. W. Dawson L.D.  
L - L -

Sir William  
'and myself have  
just returned from  
a short Geol. excursion  
and we have had a very pleasant time