

I am exceedingly busy with the preparation of
my great Silurian Monograph which
will fill some 50 sheets & 60 plates.
The 2^d portion is now printed & the 3^d
progressing fast & will also D.S. be
issued by the end of the year. Portions
4 & 5 (which are to complete the work)
will be, I hope, pub^d some time next year.
I am continually at work & indeed
it is no small labour to assemble also
the required material & to be both Author
and artist in a work of such considerable
extent — I am glad to hear that
you have found more species of
N. Sotia Silurian Brachiopods
The small specimen you enclose looks
~~very~~ very like some forms of
Meristella Didyma ^{Dalman} found in Europe
& though smaller approaches much
to ~~the~~ the specimen fig in my Pl. XII
fig 4. Mr. Bellings has recently
sent me some Canadian Silurian
Brachiopods that have interested me
very much. & indeed am now continuing
receiving Brachiopods from nearly every
part of the world & which will be of great
value for the preparation of another work.
I remain with thanks sincerely yours
The Davidson.