

73 Harley Street
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My dear Dawson

The news you sent me of the discovery of a carboniferous helix was most welcome & a subject as you may suppose of no small interest to the Geological Society.

Yesterday the council balloted for it & of course ordered it to be printed. I remarked that the name *Conchulus* was to be regretted inasmuch, if there ever was an occasion when it was desirable that the generic name should have reference to an air-breather that was a case in point. *Conus* *Conovulus* etc & *Conchulus* have all a purely marine sound. Anything aquatic like *Paraluticella* would have been objectionable but not so bad as a salt-water term like a little

Consul

The whole Council assented to this & begged me to write to you Mr Etheridge said I might suggest Helicella, but that was found to be anticipated.

I saw him to day in Jermyne street when he proposed Pileo shellie which Dudley said would do very well though it did mean an old screw. Etheridge said that he was not going to name ~~it~~ ^{Drayton} ~~it~~ P. Lyellii so it did not signify. I hope you will sanction a change from Consul whatever you make it as I am sure that will mislead & there is a good deal in a name. I am pleased that you made this grand discovery not by chance but by going to work scientifically. It

not wonderful how persistent these forms are & that we should be so ignorant of them in the ages between the coal & the Tertiary.

Please write by return of post direct to Jenkins as Editor of our Journal

I am very glad to hear of your new edition of Canadian Geology

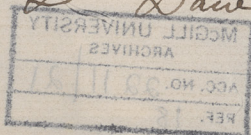
The Devonian insects & the Eozoön throw the old world into the shade.

Please tell us in your next all about your family

Our most truly yr

Ch Lyell

Dr Dawson



Dr. Dyer

P. 1. Etheridge's first idea was
Protobelia but this perhaps is ob-
jectionable because we hope by
by you will find a Decoria Helix
Etheridge then thought of Archobelia
which you may consider but I think
that some people would understand
the meaning of palaeo as a palaeozoic
form.

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