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My dear Dawson

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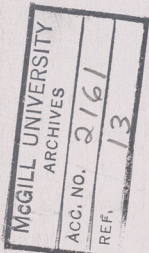
I ought to have congratulated you before this on the successful, & as it has been truly called exhaustive investigation of the Sozoin Canadiane. Our first authorities here on foraminifera have confessedly done little beyond confirming your views, & it is one of the most remarkable steps made in our time, & a wonderful conquest in the azoic region. ~~What a wonderful thing~~

Have you seen Hees' "Urwelt der Schweiz"? I wish I had read it before I published, though I postponed it, I dared not undertake what to me would have been slow work, the deciphering the German. I am doing so now, & learning how much is known of the fructification of Sigillaria, and other coal-plants. Probably much less of this will be new to you.

When I was at Berlin a month ago, I saw in the Library some new numbers of the beginning of a beautiful work in quarto on the coal-plants of Saarbrück by ~~Neumann~~ Goldenberg with numerous plates admirably executed. The publisher's name at Saarbrück is "Neumann", the title "Flora Sarsapontana fossilis. Die Flora der Urwelt Saarbrückens".

You speak in one of your letters of Devonian insects. I do not remember any European ones older than the Carboniferous, so if you can figure even one of them in the Canadian *Naturalist*, it would do credit to that periodical.

I have not yet seen your paper or your new additions to the Post-Miocene. But you cannot be better employed, for the botany especially of that period, has been lamentably neglected here, & the Gray's Thurgau beds which were full of leaves in some of the laminated clays, might if there had been collectors



collector in that line, as they were of the fresh-water shells & elephant bones have told us that the climate was in Post Pliocene times in the valley of the Thames.

When you wrote you were afraid of a party in Canada who were doing their best to get the Empire into a war with the U.S. Events have justified your anxiety but I trust that the raid has caused a reaction. I am sorry to hear that the Federation of the Provinces will in your opinion throw back because of education.

When there are two races who will not amalgamate, there is always mischief & I have always expected that the Anglo-Saxon element would as in Louisiana get the better of the French. But it may take perhaps more time than I thought for, & I am sorry that your energies should have to be expended on obtaining guarantees which the Roman Catholics would be slow to afford if they could avoid it. The struggle which our Irish Colleges have to make is a hard one, & makes some of the professors I know them uneasy. The state of the South of France shows what retrograde movements may be made even in these days by the influence of the ultra-montane party. They say there are more monasteries now in Toulouse than before the Revolution.

~~My dear Sir,~~
~~I have just received your letter of the 10th inst.~~
~~and am glad to hear that you are still~~
~~interested in the subject of the~~
~~Irish Colleges.~~

ever most truly yrs

Chadwell