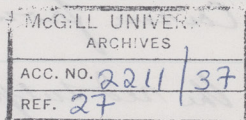


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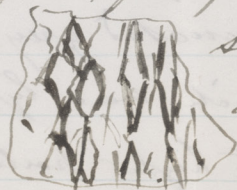
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My dear Sir

I am not quite sure to which fossil you refer. I read like a "flattened cone" but - from the Cycadian character, I presume I should read flattened cone, I found some like - both - At the extreme West of the cliff, lying in the sand at the base of the cliff, there is a calcareous slab about 20 inches diameter in which are a quantity of roundish carbonaceous bodies which I took to be cones from their thickness. The surface being absent no structure was visible -

This is not however what you refer to - I imagine it must be a specimen black, siliceous, free from matrix with markings



somewhat thus very indistinct & rather abraded - but of this general character -

rather to the Eastward - Matrix
light grey, fossil light olive - inch
or less diameter flattened - finely striated
indistinctly jointed - you will know
by this which I mean -

Did you observe that some parts of
the firm calcareous sandstone in the
North part of the Island had besides quartz
fine fragments or grains of Garnet in
considerable quantity, sometimes in
excess of the quartz ^{in some thin hard beds (calcareous)} found on any
land ^{transported} pieces of very ferruginous mica
schist containing much and large
brownish garnet. Might not this rock
have contributed by its disintegration to
the supply of this sandstone -

I left all my rock specimens, these
amongst the lumber, under a tree in front
of my house, no one there takes any
interest in such matters. Cats and
Stump Oration are all that is cared for
Yours every true
Dr. W. Dawson
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