

respect is excellent, of
course the pain from this
leaves me - I am however
always busy, either with
books or specimens
My dear & most kind
friend Sir R.S. Murchison
is gone & this I feel much.
His kindness for me was
not equalled without
leaving me a moment
A 1000 fr. of legacy
duty. I do miss
him & shall
I have
time to
send me
a line to return I maybe
able to return a better
reply than this -
hoping that you are
well & wish that you the
comforts of the approaching
happy day of the
I am, my dear Sir,
Yours truly,
O. B. Peck

Your great kindness
has made me very rich
indeed, in Old red Sandstone,
(Devonian) Plant lore. Be
so good as to accept my
very best thanks for a very
valuable presents, first, your
paper from the Geological Society
for August 1844, & immediately
after your Catalogue, of
"Fossil Plants of the Devonian
& Upper Silurian Formations
of Canada". I cannot say
how much I am obliged,
I so much prize them.

The last reached me on the
23rd Instant & although I was
unwell, I immediately examined
it carefully & referred as far
as I could to every specimen.
To my dismay when I got to
your chapter on Fruits &c found
Plate XIX wanting. This cannot
now be helped & I hope you
will excuse my mentioning it.
Your kind mention of me at
page 77 of my collection is
very pleasing, I hope it will
spur Mr. Carruthers on to describe
them - all of them have been ^{for a year} in
the possession of the British Museum
under Mr. Carruthers care. I am
afraid it will not be done in
my time. However so long as I am
spared & able to work I shall do
all I can to forward the work
by collecting &c. In Oct^r last
I was at Abroath & went to

I wish to say, I was fortunate enough
 to get with other plants a very
 pretty leaf of Cyclopteris, like
 the one I got in Caithness, which
 you say is "of the type of C. Prowin".
 It is a beauty. I am so glad to see
 that my opinion of the plants
 of Caithness being true Land
 plants has been confirmed by you
 & that others do not consider
 that I was altogether daft when
 I stood alone against them all.
 I regret now that I did not keep
 all I found - fruit of Prilophyton
 & other fruits & went to Jernyn
 Street Museum - all are absent
~~gone~~ in all probability to the
 dust bin, they are not now to be
 found. Your plants are fine
 & must be well preserved, your
 material must be finer than
 ours & cannot have been so
 much crushed & torted about.
 The matrix of the Caithness ones
 is very coarse & very hard & it
 is difficult to manage to get the
 fossils out. I never saw any in
 a good material perfection.

Pearl Duff

I can recognize many of the faintest plants in your figures. How much many of them are like Carboniferous plants. Your plate of Silurian plants I am deeply interested in. I should so like a run to the Silurian plant beds near Inchnadamph in Sutherlandshire & reexamine the said to be "Fucoid beds" - I got a few things there more than sea weeds - at least I thought so - some no doubt Psilophyton. - My Devonian riches are so great & I am so fascinated at the heap that I can set my mind to nothing else & so you must please excuse my wandering letter. One thing you may believe, that I am so much obliged to you I cannot thank you enough. Should I get well enough - I am afraid my field work is over. I am at present under the doctors care for what they hardly know - I fancy it will be rupture - if so, it will require all care - my health in every other