

Allan Houston

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Dear Sir

You have doubtless ere this seen
Kirsten's remarks upon the first part of the
in 'SCM. annuals' - the review? seems
an exceedingly poor production. If
I were to reply to it, I should say
in regard to the objection taken to the
association terms Lewis, "not being
organically joined to the fruit," that
the reviewer "does not pretend what
he preaches" for in a late number of
"annuals & mag. of S. History" he
establishes the fact of Equisechin in the
Med. Carboniferous, from the
evidence of a cone, without

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ostep of stems, branches, & leaves.
and that if Parda is determined
on this principle, stems & leaves
are immaterial.

again in regard to the occurrence
of the spores, these are apparently
referred to as a few doubtful
specimens, whereas in your notice
you state they occur in large
numbers, just as in recent paragraphs.

In this connection I should say that
my opinion, is no better or worse
than the opinions variously expressed
upon the subject for the last fifty
years, and that the Parda question
has emerged from the region of
opinion, into that of fact, and

That no review is worth the paper
upon which it is written, unless
based upon an investigation
identical with those performed.

This Kingston has not yet done.

I regret now that I have
suffered him with some dishes,
assuredly had his paper appeared
before this was done, he would
not have reviewed them. He
mentioned upon here that he
had seen a small Australian
with two parrots attached to its
body, from which I drew my own
conclusions.

According to the accounts
of the "egg theory" there is the

Egg packets of Pterygotus, but a
very significant fact is the
occurrence of Pterygotus in the
lawn. Coastal rocks, without
the Slipshut, of ^{trace} Lanka. Had the
officer been the case, we would
have heard of it.

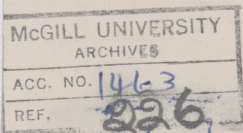
Mr. Coates sent me a line a few
days ago, expressing
his obligations for the extremely
kind manner you receive him, in
any way, in which I try to join.

Sincerely trust your
health improving, with
best wishes.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely

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