

R.S.

I will send you a copy of my proof of Shore paper whenever it comes - if yours is out first I will do the same. R.S.

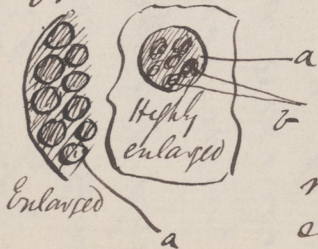
Kitston

Stirling

30 Dec. 1888

Dear Sir William -

I am very much obliged to you for the specimens of S. humonensis, P. Braziliensis & P. bilobatus, received safely last night. I have really enjoyed looking at them immensely - In our Carboniferous I have found nothing like your Pastoralvina, but have compared them carefully with a specimen of Parka - & with this they show such a similarity - in some respects that it is difficult to think other than Parka having very close affinities with your P. Braziliensis.



I give a rough sketch of the specimen I have of Parka: the bodies marked a when enlarged show an indistinct greenish-yellow, caused undoubtedly

3) the spore question. I intend making drawings of as many forms of our Carboniferous spores as time will permit of. To find out what is to be regarded as of specific & what of only varietal difference, is what has & is giving me great trouble - You will have seen Reinsch's "Micro-Palaeo-Phytologia" Erlangen. 1884. I do not accept all his views but his work is a monument of patient labour & he illustrates hundreds of spores - I think I forgot to answer one of your questions in your previous letter, as to the supposed difference between the British & Pennsylvanian Coal Plants - My own idea is that there is a wonderful similarity - I have discovered several American coal plants in Britain & satisfied myself that some of the American species are not new, but European forms under new names. When I have finished my paper on the Radstock Coal Field, this will be slightly brought out - & more in proposed future papers -

Prof. Williamson & I are on very friendly terms just now & I now have good reason to know that he had nothing to do with my paper being rejected at the Geol. Soc.; but wished it published - With kindest regard & wishing you very many happy returns of the season - I remain your truly
R. Wright

2) by contained bodies, which I
have lettered $\frac{1}{2}$. Here in the
isolated bodies (9) you have some-
thing very like your Protosalvinia.

I think when we are speaking
to Mr. Peach of Crustacean fame,
he mentioned to me that he re-
garded Parka as ~~of~~ ova, but
I would not like to say that
this was his final conclusion
in regard to this curious fossil.

When I am in Edinburgh
soon, I will shew him your
Protosalvinia & see if that does
not alter his views - I would
like to see additional specimens
of Parka (of which I think
the Survey have some) & com-
pare them with your spore-
carps. before forming any
definite conclusion, so I will
write to you again ^{after} I have
seen them - I am very
glad to hear that you are
possessed of more material on