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Graptolites  
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Dear Sir

In looking over  
your report on the Peter Redpath  
Museum it occurs to me to  
ask if it would be possible  
to obtain some of the species  
of Graptolites and other fossils  
of the Richardson collection for  
the Quebec group for our  
Museum, and if you think  
it would could you kindly  
put me in communication

with Mr Richardson or  
whoever has charge of  
their distribution. As the  
duplicates of the original Collection  
used by Prof. Hall is here, it  
seems a pity that the new  
forms should not be rep-  
resented, so as to make  
the collection near complete.

Yours very truly

R. P. Whitfield

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Prof. J. W. Dawson

Dear Sir

I have just received and have been looking over the Graptolites you so kindly send to our Collectors. They are very perfect and remarkably distinct for Graptolites, as compared with the Old collection of Lewis Graptolites, over which I injured my eyes years ago.

I do not think the *Dactylograptus* are identical with *D. Loganii* and *D. flexilis*, however, as species go, they would be considered as quite distinct

Your postal is just rec'd.  
N.Y.

Specifically.

I have no good figure  
of Datjournera socialis to  
which I can refer for comp-  
arison but the specimens are  
remarkably like the endogon-  
yon by Nicholson.

I fully expect that some  
day we shall find that the  
St. Louis beds have more  
intimate relations to the Alky  
than has been expected.

I should much like to  
see the trilobites of the vicinity  
but as they are not from the  
same layers they will not  
be conclusive where there  
are danger of faults.

Please accept the thanks of the  
Museum authorities through me  
for the present so kindly sent.  
Yours truly,  
R. P. Whitfield

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Prof. J. W. Dawson

Dear Sir

In looking over  
Mr Salter's description and figures  
of *Dictyonema sociale* in the  
Mem. Geol. Surv. Brit. Mus.  
I am convinced that the  
Canadian specimens are  
more nearly related to *Callograptes*  
Hall than to *Dictyonema*. Some of  
the styles as seen on the specimens  
sent show both margins undulating as  
in *Callograptes*, Salter's figures also  
show the same feature and  
in his description he mentions  
them as having a double row

of cells. The connecting dis-  
sepiments are also different  
from those of *Dictyonema*. If  
the Dilobites remains associated  
with the graptolites, or near-  
ther, are anything like those  
of the Lingula flag of England  
These must be quite ancient.

Do you find the *D. sociale*  
in these states spread out on  
the surfaces in threes or fours  
as figured by Salter *Geol. Mem.*  
Vol. 3, pt. 4, fig 1, 2 I see some  
indication of it among those you  
send.

Yours truly

A. P. Whitfield