

New York State Museum of Natural History,

Albany, March 30th 1889

My dear Sir William

The very day our kind
received your favor of the 19th together
with specimens from suddenly prostra-
ted by a nervous collapse which has
prevented me from writing sooner -
I hand the specimens of one of Mr. Clarke
my assistant in the matter and
and the decision is that the fossil you
send is a Sinuaronica - The valves are
in just position and by carefully removing
them from their matrix the interiors are shown
very distinctly - The shell can scarcely
be identified with Obolus Ida of Billings - but
it agrees very well with Matthews identification
of O. rise, Bill, making the necessary allowance
for the distortion, and the concentric wrinkles produced
thereby, in the St. John specimen -

Billings specimens were from the Monocian of
Trinity Bay, Newfoundland

I thank you for sending
me the specimens and am very glad if
I can be of any service to you in
this matter - A year ago when I began

the study of these minute older forms the
subject seemed my faulting - we
had little material, and that not in the
best condition - However in nearly every
direction my friends have responded & more
liberally, and while I have exerted myself
to bring together material for a respectable
working collection Mr. Clarke has seconded
my efforts in the most earnest manner,
and we now have a very fair collection,
carefully labelled, and worth not an overpro-
portion of £2

I shall be very glad to see
any other specimens or collections of
these older forms, in order to become
fully acquainted with their aspect and associations.

Notwithstanding all my efforts we are
still quite deficient in many directions
and I shall be glad to make such returns
as may be in my power for any
duplicates you may have to spare.

I am sorry I have delayed so long
but my head has become too weary -

With kind regards to all remain

Very sincerely Yours

James Hall

P.S. the little paper mentioned has not come to
notice though it may be at my office

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Re obolella
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As the little paper mentioned in reference to
notes through the office