

doubt at least concerning the
Devonian or Carboniferous
date of the fossil.

I am unwilling to risk sending
the specimen. If anything should
happen to it we should not easily
forgive ourselves. But I will

as soon as opportunity occurs
make you a cast & send it to you,

in plaster, if possible, without
risk of injuring the slab.

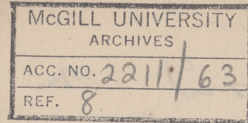
If you would be willing to write
a description from a cast I
should feel glad to avail my-
self of the offer in your case
I will make it as near a fac-

simile as possible. I will write an
account to accompany it.

I have not time to keep copies
of these letters. Will you kindly
preserve them & I will do the
same with yours. We may need
to refer to them.

Yours very truly
E. W. Clappole

Claypole
Oct 17/77



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My dear Dr. Dawson

Your query is a
natural one & one which
after I had written I an-
ticipated you would ask.

I sent you the drawing
taking the fossil to be a
Clinton specimen from
St. Jerome's Reservoir
to our Clinton rock in
this locality & because it

occurred on an exposure
of the same. I knew no
stone in the locality that
at all resembled it.

As you remark its aspect
is decidedly more modern
than would be expected &
this led me to suggest its
resemblance to Sigillaria
rather than Lepidodendron
though on second thought the
latter scarcely reaches back
further in time than the
former. Both are essentially

Carboniferous genera, Devonian
species being few in each.

On receipt of your letter I
took the specimen in hand
& seek some other & more
communicable evidence.

The impression does not cover
the slab so I carefully began
to chip its edge. The inside
convinced me I was right
from its lithological aspect
but a few chips brought to
light a small & imperfect
but yet recognizable specimen
of our common trilobite
Maenius (Bumastus) either
insignis of our Survey or
latus (barriensis) of Hall.

I incline to the former than
to name my specimen hitherto
with some little uncertainty
as head & pygidium alone
occur. (In this case it is a head)

I will consult some friend in
this state on the identifica-
tion of the species. Meanwhile
however this will let you