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Dear Sir

Yours of 10th 30

Recd & contents noted & would say that I am going through my cabinet & rearranging the same & have just reached the Corniferous & it will take me a week more to finish it when I will make you up a box of what I have from the Upper Silurian & Devonian & can & will send you from the following groups & formations Medina Sandstone.

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| Clinton Group | } | Pentamerus linn |
| Niagara " | | Delthyris Daly linn |
| Waterlime " | | Upper Pentamerus |

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Oriental Sandstone
Canda Galli grit
Schoharie "
Onondaga lime
Corniferous "
Marcellus slate
Moscow Shale
Arenaceous "
Tully lime
Chemung

Upper Hill
Hamilton

Catskill : Comprising nearly all of the formations above the Lower Silurian except some minor ones which are questionable (at least some of them) in the New York System but you will pardon me if I send you some coarse specimens from the Catskill as anything from there is very rare also some Lamella branches from the Hamilton I shall be unable to name as they are

not yet reported (the report will probably be out this year) as professor Hall informs me that Eighty plates are already in print I shall be obliged to take a week in which to make up your box in order to give you a more complete list of fossils for the 5th report is only just out & I have nothing named from the Schabarie grit which by the way is a rare formation in the Upper Helderbergh & the rock (which is only from one to two feet thick) is so filled with Silica that it is almost impossible to obtain a fossil until it has weathered & fallen to pieces or ready to do so & then we get them in an imperfect condition but still

They are very much sought
after professor Agassiz gave
\$3000 for a small collection
for Yale College this past
summer almost wholly to obtain
a few of the Dehonian Grit
Fossils

in the mean time
if you choose to send me
the things named which are
all desirable as I have nothing
from Canada except two
species of Fossils I shall re-
spond at the earliest moment

I had rather have had
Primordial & Canadian Fossils
than the ones you named as
I have scarcely anything below
the Trenton Group but still
I have but the things you named
& two I am not so desirous of
showy specimens as I am of those

At this moment our
non-denominational Universities
are on their trial, strenuous
efforts are being made to
create denominational feeling
in favor of the Sectarian
Colleges, to acquire endow-
ments for them and
to draw off the public
from the greater Universities.
A new and inexperienced
man would be as likely
as not to play into the
hands of this movement,
and thus to injure McGill
Dalhousie and Fredericton as
well as Toronto.

I do hope that

