

South Littleton
n^o Eversham
Worcestershire
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Sir

I have been favoured by our
friend Mr. Estlin, of the Museum
of Practical Geology, with the
accompanying letter of introduction,
which explains my motive for
wishing to communicate with you.
I have read with great interest
your paper in a recent number
of the Journ. of the Geo. Soc. on the
structure of the Stromatolites,
and being anxious to obtain
some of the Zoantharia of America,
especially the Devonian species,
I have thought that perhaps you
might be able to refer me to some
one with whom I could communicate

and obtain the special forms I
am wishing to examine -

If you will be kind enough to
do this I shall be extremely
obliged to you.

I possess a very considerable
collection of fossil corals, especially
of the Jurassic species, and possibly
if you do not confine yourself
to "native" species, I might send
specimens of many species in
exchange, as I have many
duplicates - and I am
within easy reach of the Silurian
corals of Dudley, and Benthall,
whence a great many species,
may at any time be readily

proceeds. If *Thompson's English*
species would be of interest
to you, I have no doubt that I
could furnish a considerable number.

Both at any rate, I am anxious
to procure *N. American* species, and
the names of any one with whom
I can communicate will be most
acceptable, and I could send
a list of such species as I already
have, with the understanding that
any thing would be wanted.

Hoping that I ^{may} hear from you,
and that you may find me
the assistance I am seeking.

I am D. Sir

Yours truly

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