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July 13th, 1887.

My dear Sir William:

I have to acknowledge from you with many thanks the receipt of your last letter with the accompanying representative of the Megambrinae from the Arisaig series of rocks. Hall's descriptions of the two species: M. cancellata & M. striata are exceedingly loose which is no doubt to be accounted for by the quality of the material which he then had. His descriptions are so vague and inadequate that the apparent two types represented in the specimens you were so kind as to place at my disposal for study cannot be satisfactorily recognized as such except on one ground viz; degree of gibbosity at the umbones which however is very deceiving especially in crushed & distorted specimens as many of them are preserved in the thrustly disturbed rocks



rocks

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of that Eastern Silurian basin.

Amongst the numerous specimens of Mya
- boniae in the collections before me I can
see another species even more markedly
distinct from the two (which you regarded
as M. cancellata & M. ^xtrata) with propriety
- a species evidently new, short and drum-
- bridal in outline and even less convex
than the latter species mentioned supra.^x

There are many interesting points cropping
up with regard to the Eastern Silurian of
Canada and whilst the material is per-
- haps not nearly so satisfactory to work
at as the Western Silurian (peaking from
Ottawa as a centre) nevertheless the interest
which attaches itself to them at our disposal
greatly overrides the difficulties. Needless to say
that your researches are of the utmost value
in this direction and hope some time to be able to
gratefully acknowledge the same. Shall D.V. return
the specimens to Andy at Redpath Museum, and
when I have quite satisfied myself of the
relations and affinities



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 and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.
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 Your obedient servant,
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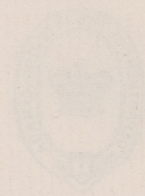
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affinities

If our specimens of *Myambonia* which I
have reason to believe will not be long.
Meanwhile I have again to thank you
for the use of these specimens, for your
kindness in telling Osney to give such as-
sistance as I might need if in United
- which probably will be ere long and
trusting that ~~for~~ yourself & Lady Dawson
will have a pleasant and
healthful holiday season

I remain
Ever yours respectfully

Wm. M. Allen,



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Feb 1899

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