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W. Selwyn

My dear Sir William.

Your kind favour of 12th inst. was duly received for which please accept my sincere thanks also for your kindness regarding my note. As you say I was not aware of the occurrence of ^{the} Utica at 'Les Etoulements', not having visited the place but I would certainly feel grateful if you would add whatever notes you have regarding the same so as to make the paper more complete and if you so desire to add my name to yours on the title of the whole. Your thorough acquaintance with that locality & its geologic detail enable you to speak & write with more propriety than one like me who has not even seen the place except from the south shore of the St. Lawrence.

If I can possibly go down to your meeting on the 26th inst I shall do so with great pleasure. I have been thinking of putting together my notes on the 'Ottawa Palaeozoic Basin' with a view of illustrating the fauna enclosed in the Ordovician formations therein developed from the Potsdam & Calceum formations.

To the Utica & Hudson River formations inclusive.
Some interesting deductions would no doubt
come from the facts at ones disposal when
put together. Such a paper if deemed proper
might come in if you like.

I am working up that sponge from the
Utica of Ottawa and will let you see the
specimens when I go down or at any time
that you should come up here. There are three
specimens on one slab and they present very
interesting simple structure. The spicules
are long & slender, needle-like, closely
arranged in a parallel series - or in varying
forms. I should be much pleased to see
your 'Duchess Group sponge'.

I have the honor to be
Yours very respectfully
Henry M. Smith