



Dear Sir William

I write to report progress in regard to matters connected with your contemplated visit to St. John, and to ask for your decision under the premises.

It has been arranged that the Reception in the rooms of the Natural History Society will be held at 4³⁰ P.M. on Thursday, as this will interfere least with the Teachers Associ-

ation meetings. Sir Leon-
ard Tilley, the Patron
of the Society, (being Lieut
Governor) will preside.

It will be a little
difficult to arrange for
all the geological work
you propose in the short
time remaining after the
Educational meetings are over.

You speak of two
things you would like to
see the Lower ^(basal) series of the
Cambrian, and the old
ground you examined about
25 years ago, near the city.

There is only one section
where the relations of the

Basal series to the Coldbrook
below and the St John
Group above are clearly
displayed viz. in the parish
of Upham. To reach it, it
would be necessary to drive
fifteen miles from, and
return to Norton Station.
This I fear you would find
rather tiresome unless you
took more than the one day
Friday to it. You would
reach Norton (if confined to the
one day) at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ a.m. and would
need to be there again at mid-
night to take the night train
for Campbellton &c. This would
give you about 7 hours ^{at Upham} ~~there~~,
enough time to see the section

but not leisure for a
careful examination.

The section which you
visited some years ago, near
the city could be seen with
much less effort, and would
give you time for rest and
refreshment before taking the
train at 10.30 P.M. on Friday
evening. So I think if you
confine your visit to Friday
it will be better to abandon
the idea of visiting Uphand
and seek only to revise the
ground you went over in
former years.

You ask about a place
where you may collect plants
of the Lower Carboniferous, or

the line of the Railway.
 To such a place I can
 not with confidence point
 you. Near Norton Station
 there is a cutting along the
 Railway where some plant-
 remains of this period were ob-
 tained by my brother many
 years ago; but I myself
 have made no investigations
 there. I have collected a
 few plants, but not well pre-
 served, from shales at Darlings
 Island and elsewhere nearer
 at hand, but I do not know of
 any locality at which it would
 pay you to spend time.

There is a way how-
 ever by which all these things
 you propose could be ac-

completed, and that is
by staying over the Sunday
and returning home in the
early part of the succeed-
ing week. I should be
very glad to have you ex-
tend your visit in that way,
and would be able to show
you new points in the geolo-
gy of the region around here
more satisfactorily, than could
be done in one day.

You could of course
spend Saturday here as well
as Friday and leave in the even-
ing train on Saturday; but
this will involve your spending
Sunday at Campbelltown
on your return,

I have now I think
stated the necessary pros
and cons and you will
perhaps be able to elect
whether to make the shorter
stay or remain over until
the following week. In
any case I shall hope
that you will honour
me ^{with} your presence in Prin-
cess Street, as I have no
other prospective visitor
at that time.

Mrs. Matthew desires
me to acknowledge your
kind message, and hopes
soon to have the pleasure of
meeting you.

Yours very truly
A. Matthew.

Matthew
July 1888