



Dear Sir William

Your last letter  
went astray having been  
delivered to Mr S. F. Matthews  
and so was delayed.

I shall have an  
abstract of a Paper for  
the Council of the Royal  
Society ready in a few  
weeks, which will give  
some further information  
on the sponges etc., with  
figures. As you are

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in the Council you will have it before you soon though if you wish to see it earlier I can send it through you.

I hesitate about offering any suggestion in reference to an *Obolella* outside of the Cambrian, for I know little of any others, but if you think it would be any advantage to send it down I will see how it compares with ours.

Prof. Jas. Hall is making a special study of the Brachiopoda of the early horizons and would probably see

able to give you valuable  
suggestions. Mr. J. M. Clarke  
who has done excellent work  
in Paleontology is assisting  
him; and Chas. Schuchert  
(I am not quite sure of the  
spelling) who knows well  
the Hudson R. Brachiopoda  
is also at Albany engaged  
in the same work →

I remain

yours very truly

J. M. Matthews.