

Albany House

Slainfouree.

27 Feb 1892.

Dear Sir

Permit me to express my most hearty thanks for your own and Mr. Imballon's kindness in giving me the names of the new sp. of *Leptopodites*, and also for the very fine copies of Paper. I much appreciate the kindness displayed in this matter, the more so from the fact of such a thing being quite unexpected.

The Paper I think pretty well exhausts the subject. It is scarcely to be expected that where others have done so little for half a century much more can be made out of it.

It was a fortunate thing that you so kindly took up the subject, and I am inclined to think if you had not done so, the probabilities are that the subject would have remained in the same conjectural state for

50 years

to come. assuredly upon determination of
'Pacha' is the central pivot upon which
all the rest turns.

It is a very easy matter to
"Prophesy" after you know - as some parties are
going to - but it is abundantly clear that
till you have the correct solution, no one
whatsoever had the slightest idea of the subject.

Take it that Pacha has now been
placed upon such a basis that few or
none of our British geologists will
venture to assail it. We certainly owe
you a debt of gratitude for the same.

In a matter extending over so
long a time, it is scarcely to be expected
that in every particular, absolute
correctness would be obtained; and
unfortunately in the present instance a few
errors occur. With the exception of one of
them however, they are perhaps of but
trifling importance.

Blauformic beds (page 4) I am assured do not contain *Pecten*, very possibly a specimen has been labelled in error. At all events I have never seen *Pecten* here.

The *Stenus* referred to (page 2) must I think be the twisted *Stenus* from *Calthus* \pm 78 c. m. in length (p. 1), perhaps this is unimportant.

At page 4 "*Stenus* and *Calthus*"^{no} seems to read better with *Stenus* erased.

No. 1 and 5 (Plak. 1.) are specimens from *Cornwall* belonging to the *Museum*, Vice-president of one of the Glasgow Soc. Societies, and member of the British N. S. Society. Mr. M. is the author of several papers on Scotch Geology, one of which (in connection with the Duke of Argyll) was read before the Royal Soc. some time ago.

His overlooking of his specimens is an ^{mistake,} ~~unfortunate~~, and has caused me some anxious thought, and the only conclusion

I could arrive at - to adequately meet the
difficulty - was to add Mr. Mannix's name
to the Paper and send it to Nature -
This I have done, and have also erased
Blair genus, and Skene.

Sincerely trust in the circumstances,
if I have exercised my powers, or taken too great
arbitrariness, Prof. Pentland, and yourself, may
see the matter as I see it, and agree with
me in considering the unfortunate circumstances
to some small extent a justification. My hope
it will enable me to face Macrae, ^{which} would
have otherwise been impossible.

The Editor of Nature has had one
copy of the Paper, the other I would not care
to part with on any consideration, might!
Therefore solicit the favour of other 5 copies if
convenient for your problem and Macrae's respecting.

I trust I am not asking too much -
as you possess other species of *Hydrobia*
I think *L. Keidii* would be in its proper
place beside them. If you wish it

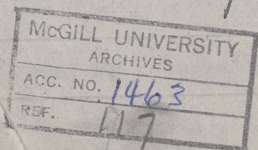
Kindly accept it, as also the flag with
Lathropium. Kufner has made no help
as yet per Palaeontographica, but other papers
will appear in "The Annals of Natural History
Munich". I observe "Reisner in the 'Annals and
Mag. of Nat. History' puts back "Equisetum"
to the middle Carboniferous, and to the same
extent I observe a paper by Hinks —
on the Polygon of the Harwood — If this mag.
has not reached you, I would be pleased
to forward it, if you care to see it.

Again thanking you and
Prof. Reclus for your kind thanks
and congratulations upon an extremely
satisfactory solution of a difficult problem.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

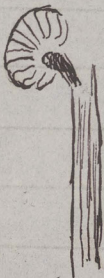
James Reid.



Dr W Dawson M.
Kufner.

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Weynton Shales.

The above suggestion resembles of Parca is about
the cross approach to a junction of stalk and fruit
shown seen: indistinct. Parca markings are present, and
the central point is somewhat suggestion of the same
position of junction in the stalked maerles. Lh