

Matthew

Strophoda

St John. N.B.

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Dear Sir William

I visited the museum on Saturday and waited there as long as I could and finding you did not come had to leave.

I did not see the Strophites grandaeva, which was somewhat of a disappointment to me, but I spent a couple of hours profitably in looking over the museum. I was glad to have seen the "Arenicolites spiralis" from Nfld., but it does not seem to me the same as Forcell's matting of inprint
of that name, which is a flat spirab. form

Lingula antiqua from Beverly
Out. seems to be the same shell
which they have in the museum
at Ottawa as Lingula (= in this
case Lingulepis) acuminata

I saw a large slab -
ripple marked (from →) of
Potsdam sandstone which is
beautifully marked in the hol-
lows of the ripples by casts &
burrows of worms - precisely
as ripple marked sand are
found now.

I could not recollect
where I had seen the ~~Stro~~
name Strophites occurring,
but now on referring here
at home I find that it was
in Scudder's list; who says
that Deshayes used it (origin-
ally Strophites Rafinesque) for
a genus of bivalve molluscs 1832

^{also}
Refer_x to Deshayes Enc. méth.

iii. p. 998.

I hope you are feeling stronger and are none the worse of your visit to Ottawa. I would have come in to see you on Sunday P.M. but could not venture to take too much exercise on my still-somewhat-weak ankle.

If it is not troubling you too much may I ask if you will suggest another name for Strophites (Grandeva) if you think it desirable to do so. I see that my referring to Strophia ^{in the abstract of my paper} has led to misapprehension; as it was my intention in so doing simply to use this as a general term, pending your leisure to suggest a new name.

Mrs. Matthew wishes
me to express to you her
kind wishes and hopes of
your entire recovery.

Hoping that Lady
Dawson is better, I remain
yours sincerely

L. F. Matthew

