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Allan House.

Staircase 9th Nov. 1893.

My dear Mr

I have delayed replying to your
kind favour of the 23rd ult. till the arrival of
the which came in today in course.

I am very much indebted for the
very great kindness you have shown me
in sending the beautiful specimens of
Pleurothrix, Anastrogyne, and Logozoa, and
the copy of yr. valuable paper from
which I promise myself much pleasure
and light, in perusing & studying it.

I have also to thank you very
sincerely through Mr. the Hon. Mr. you
have done me in your reference
to "Salient Points" - Enclosed is a
short notice which appeared in the
"Sydney Herald", one of our leading
Pco. papers.

From the point of view of an evolutionist
it is perhaps as appreciative as could
be looked for, but I should have said
that the work is an able and forcible
and clearly expressed summary of
paleontological work of the utmost value.

- that the protest against the flippant
geol. theories of evolutionists is remarkably
well timed, and that the weakness
of the position of "specialists" is "turned
^{inside} outside" - Fisher & Leeds' glacial
map of the British Isles to my mind
simply shows an ice flow from the
higher mountain plate northwards
and outwards, and the only efficient
force at work seems to have been
gravity alone. Altogether I think
"Salient Points" is extremely well-timed
and shows a force and power of

exposition, not exceeded by anything on
the subject after previous days.

I am also much indebted
to the trouble you and Mr. Peckham
have taken with the specimens. I am
quite sure you make the most of
them, and regret their fragmentary
condition, but as they are generally
found in the quarries, the severe winter
two years ago prevented work therein,
and such you last. were the best of
what turned up. I shall mention to
Calden to see to it. mostly every
available spot. in our quarry
here has been searched by my
proud business & myself, and the
result is somewhat disappointing.
we scarcely hope to meet with
material of any other description.

As to Palaeopteryx. it seems to me
there is something curious as regards
its preservation. The smaller fishes
such as Dipterus, Mesacanthus &c. are
in most cases met with as casts
whereas this latter thing is often well
preserved. Would this not imply a
difference in the material composing
the outlines. Hence, an argument in
favor of oppon view.

The small specimen I have
referred to from the small size may
have been overlooked. I enclose the
particulars. I shall only be too glad
to hear from you as regards to the work
you propose to engage upon.

Meanwhile sincerely
trusting your health is improving

Yours very sincerely

Dr. Scofield
Montreal.

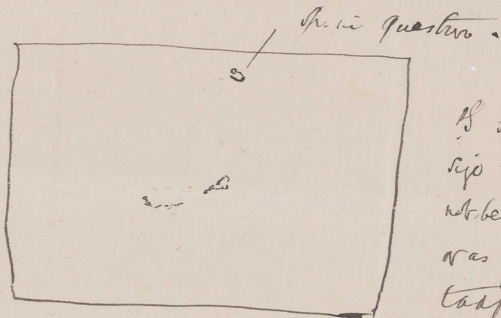
James Reid.

As you more carefully looking over the specimens,
and papers, you have so kindly sent me,
I cannot find words to express my
thanks for the gift of such beautiful specimens,
and such a magnificent paper.
The latter will prove simply invaluable,
and is the finest thing I have seen
for many a day.

I shall send you shortly some
sp. of *Calceolaria* sp. and a few
transparent disks of *Pada* in case
Prof. Kuntze should wish to verify
the micro-conclusions arrived at, as
reply to *Redston*. I presume you
have seen the *Terat. Acad.* for Oct.
with an article by Draganovic
on the discovery of *Cephalaspis*, in
criticism. If not I shall be very
happy to forward it.

H.

Slab. (small), containing Sp. *Palaeopontopus*
7 millimetres in length. (Slab. weathered).



From its small
size might this Sp.
not be a young form
or as you put it a
larva.

The Slab has a poor fragmentary specimen in
its centre, of the usual size, but the small Sp.
is on the margin of the Slab, and may well be
misleading for a washed medium sized scale.

JK