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Sir William Dawson, L.L.D., F.R.S.  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Can.

Dear Sir:-

Having recently been requested by the Johns Hopkins University and the University of Nebraska to furnish them with full generic sets of American fossil Bryozoa, I have concluded to prepare and dispose of five more sets to as many first-class universities and museums. Before going any further, permit me to assure you that my chief - indeed, I may say my sole - purpose in offering these sets of Bryozoa, is to promote the study and general appreciation of the class. Since the class is abundantly represented in the strata of your country, it seems to me highly desirable that one of these sets should be found in some Canadian institution, and I know of none more likely to carry out the purpose mentioned than the one of which you have for so many years been the honored Principal.

No doubt you realize, especially since the class has received such full recognition in the English edition of Zittel's Text-book of Paleontology, that no paleontological collection is complete unless it embraces a properly labelled series of Bryozoa. Unfortunately, however, the study of this widely distributed, interesting and beautiful class of fossil organisms, has been so constantly neglected that but few persons, if, indeed, any beside myself, are as yet able to classify them properly. It is too much to expect that students shall get a just and sufficient idea of the class from its literature alone, and as properly determined



collections cannot be bought of the dealers, I feel myself called upon to supply them.

Were I in affluent circumstances, which most certainly I am not, I would gladly furnish these sets free of charge. As it is, I ask no more than a very moderate compensation for the time actually employed in preparing them; so the specimens themselves, which have cost me considerable money to gather, are practically given away. But as they are duplicates and their disposal will not seriously impair the value of my type collection, I believe I may indulge my wish to see them placed where they will do the most good.

In 1888 I prepared similar sets for a number of our principal colleges. Since that time, however, my stock has been very largely increased and the subject progressed far beyond what it was in '88, so that the present sets are in every way superior to those previously sent out. They are not only much more complete, but are gotten up with stricter regard for the real purposes of such a collection, i.e., I aim to make them of real assistance to students desiring to acquire a comprehensive and true idea of the characters and evolution of the fossil representatives of the class. Every important type of structure known is represented by good specimens and in most cases by thin sections as well. To put them into this shape requires no less than six weeks of hard labor for each collection.

There are about 120 valid genera and something like 1200 species of American fossil Bryozoa. Each of the sets now offered consists of 800 or more specimens (representing 225 or more species and about 108 genera), and 150 slides containing about 240 thin sections illustrating internal structure. I add "or more" because I never restrict myself



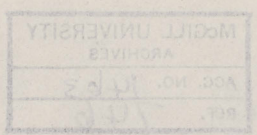
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My price for one of these sets is \$160.00, which, considering the labor put upon them, is, to say the least, very reasonable. Trusting that you will see your way clear to ordering one of these sets at once, I am,

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E. D. Ulrich  
1004 Central Ave  
Newport, Ky.

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