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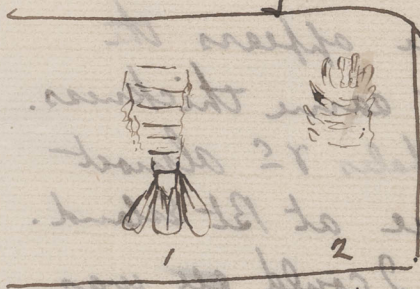
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Dear Papa,

I paid a visit to the  
Birdie House quarries near here a  
few days ago. It seems very  
much like the Burntisland  
series. The limestone appears the  
same & about the same thickness.  
& is overlaid by shales & is almost  
identical with those at Bt Island.  
The only difference I could see was  
that among the shales, sandstones  
were less frequent, & that plant &  
other remains were more frequent  
in the limestone. In one very  
fine shale the entomostraca were  
beautifully preserved & in a piece  
of this which I brought for them.  
I found a very curious fossil

which I had not noticed when  
on the spot. It seems either to  
be a small crustacean, or the  
larvae of some insect. It is  
unfortunately rather indistinct. It  
passes diagonally through the stone  
so that the tail appears at one side  
& what appears to be the head at  
the other, though much more in-  
distinctly.



The sketch is about  
double natural size.

The head is so in-  
distinct as to be  
almost impossible  
to represent in a

drawing but seems like No. 2.

Please tell me what it likely is.

As I know the exact bed where I got  
it I am going to try to go to Birdie  
House again & look specially for such  
things. I also purchased from the

workmen two stones having fish remains  
one with large scales like  
this, & another with a fragment of  
a very large spine.



Your Affectionate son  
George W. Dawson