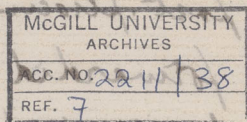


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Dear Papa.

I ran Etredge just after I sent off last week's letter, & he showed me a fossil which had come from Scotland (Coal measures) & which he considers to be a cordaites, & says if it is so that it is the first found in this country. He takes it to be most like your cordaites simplex.

The little crustacean which I got last summer I gave to Etredge some time ago, & he said he would refer it to somebody, I forgot the name. I have not heard anything about it yet, nor any more about your box; but it seems to always true that paleontologists are perfect granams of fossils. For the last few days Mrs Etredge has been quite unwell with

Arithmetic power, or something like it.
Brady has sent me copies of his paper on the
post-pleiocene forams, & I meant to have
forwarded the extra ones to you, but have
forgotten to bring them from home.

Ramsay has now got on to his 14th lecture,
in his course of 36. So far he has been
wholly occupied with physical geology, such as
that treated of in Lyell's principles. He has
rather a pleasant way of lecturing, & is only
occasionally a little prosy, & often quite
enthusiastic.

Your paper is to be
read next meeting of the Geological Socy -
I believe, & I will try to go & hear it.

I have posted the note which you enclosed
for Dallas. I am very glad to hear that
the medical school is to come up to the College
grounds, & hope to have further particulars
before long.

Your affectionate son
George P. Dawson.