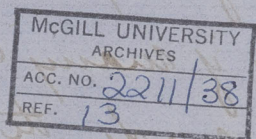


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Dallas said the delay in
sending you proofs of your
paper arose from the artists
slowness.



Dear Papa

I called on Dallas last
Friday, but found him out. On Saturday
however he was in, & I tried to
ascertain about your Plates.
He says he has re-arranged your drawings
so as to get as many as possible in
a page, & that the proofs have been sent
to you. He hoped to receive them
(the plates) from you by the mail
due today, but which has not yet
arrived. I looked over the proofs of the
plates, & could not find anything
resembling the plan you sent sketches
of. Dallas said that he hoped to receive
the plates again from you in time
for the next number of the Journal.

I would if necessary keep it
back a day or two till they arrived.

If they do not come in time, or
if many corrections have to be
made the paper will have to wait
till the August Number, & in that
case there would be plenty time
to get the extra fossils drawn &
inserted, either as a plate, or as they
are hardly enough to fill a plate, as
woodcuts in the text.

As soon as I get your letter now due
I will go again to Dallas, & find out
whether your paper will appear in the next,
or in the August number of the Journal.
If in the next number, I will send
your specimens out, & make a good
drawing of that along with the Geol Socy.
If in the August number, I will
ask ~~the~~ Dallas to get the extra figures
inserted before that time.

I have ~~the~~ Brady's fossil prawns,
some books he sent, the other Brady
post Miocene entoms: & ~~the~~ your
Gaspé Cephalaspis, & several other
little things waiting to be sent.

I spoke to Etheridge a day or two ago
about the specimens he was to get
for you, & he hoped to have them
ready soon, He seems to be a little
slow however & it may be better
if they are much longer delayed to
send of what I have, without
waiting.

I had a note from Sir C Lyell
last night acknowledging the receipt
of two letters from you, on his
return home. (He has been taking
a tour in Cornwall) & saying that
he had written to Stokes to find out
about the Paper.

I have not yet been able to make
up my accounts, because of the

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extra work entailed by the drawing examination which comes off day after tomorrow.

There has been rather a disagreement among the professors lately. You saw no doubt - in Nature, the report - of the R. Commission on the School of mines. Prof Huxley was on, & agreed with the Commission; but all the other professors, & I think everyone in connection with the School of mines or Survey dislike the idea of moving to S. Kensington.

The Times some days ago had an article condemning the move.

Prof Huxley answered in a letter, & then the other professors through Dr Percy wrote rather a savage letter in answer to Prof Huxley's.

With love to all

Believe me

Your affectionate son

Wm H. Dawson