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Dear Papa

I forgot to say in my last that before leaving London I called at Tennants to ask him about the collection of Palaeont. things you wanted. He said he did not know of any, but might hear of such a thing & I would let you know.

Last Sunday evening before leaving London I was at tea at Dr Parkers. He is somewhat anxious to get a *Lepidosteus* to dissect, & I think would be very glad if sometime you could procure one for him.

This region is quite poor in anything of the nature of fossils that ~~is~~ say, one trilobite has been found in the Skiddaw slates which are the only *Agynis* strata about here.

A great part of the country consists
of "green slates & porphyries". also trap
rocks & bedded & generally highly altered ashes.
The latter generally look on fracture like
compact-pelstone & often closely resemble
the traps, their fragmentary character is best
seen on weathered surfaces. The
most interesting feature is the great
glaciation which the country has undergone.

In every valley ice scratches are visible
both on the bottom & of the sides, & they
are in many places cut-crossed by moraines
which have often for a time held a lake &
then been cut-through, leaving only a
trace of flat-ground behind. All the boulders
& traveled blocks belong to the locality & their
course can always be traced down
some adjacent valley to the spot
which they now occupy.

Believe me

Your affectionate son

George M. Dawson

July 19.

I received last night
of July 6. enclosed a little
which many thanks.