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Laird John M.B.
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Dear Sir

I received your letter and enclosed photograph of Devonian fossil and remember you made inquiry of me about it when I sent you some fossils many years ago but I did not then know the appearance of the fossil (particular) to which you alluded.

I have not collected or studied Devonian fossils for many years and have seen nothing similar to the specimen figured in any of my later gatherings. I had the pygidium of a trilobite and some other molluscan and crustacean fragments which were destroyed in the fire of 20 June 1877 but nothing that I

thought belonged to the pulmonifera
Mr Scudder has been at work
revising the Devonian insects, and
will have a monograph on (I think)
Palaeozoic oothecinae. He had our
specimens for this purpose and was
able to make out some new points.

I do not know whether
you are aware that our Society has
been reorganized, but as an Honorary
Member of it I have no doubt you
will feel pleased to hear this. Do you
think that the Editors of the Canadian
Naturalist would care to publish as
formerly such of our articles as may
be thought worthy of being reproduced?

Regretting that I cannot give
you further information about the
Devonian fossils referred to in your letter

I remain yours truly
A. Matthews