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My dear Sir William

I received a day or
two ago and had much
pleasure in perusing your
last paper on Palaeobotany.

I see that in this case
you have given many hints
as to relations of Tertiary
Floras which are very sug-
gestive; and show how
much there is to unlearn,
as well as to learn about
them.

I have just sent an article
to the Record giving the result
of recent work on the Camb.

gran rocks here. In con-
nection with this I may
say that I have been gradu-
ally arranging in my mind
the data bearing on the clas-
sification of the Acadia
Cambrian rocks, and hope
to present them in a future
article. I wish I had had
an opportunity to investigate
the district of Cape Breton
where two Cambrian ^{series} ~~systems~~
appear to meet, as we will
there probably find a solution
of the question of the compara-
tive age of the Glenellus fauna,
which has so long puzzled
American geologists (and European).

as well) but time has been denied me. My vacation of next year I propose to devote to the thorough elaboration of the older Cambrian series beneath the St John Group, to which I ^{have} given a preliminary examination the past summer.

And then if spared will probably take up the other question. I get no aid from the Survey in these matters, so have to depend upon my own individual means and opportunities, both of which are limited.

I have just boxed up for you the cast of the large trilobite, which you desired to have for Redpath Museum

and wish you to accept it as
a holiday remembrance
of your kindness in many
ways. I am intending
to make a number of casts
to sale, or rather to let my
boy do it, to help him in his
expenses at college, (He is now
at the University in Frederick),
and would be glad to have
you point out any improve-
ments that would make the
cast more acceptable for
Museum uses.

With kind remembrances
to Lady and Miss Dawson, believe
me yours very truly

J. M. Atkinson.