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Dear Dawson

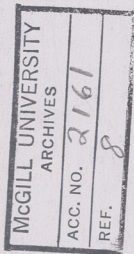
I sent you a small paragraph which I put into the Travellers to correct the blundering report of that paper of my Lecture. You see we have now 3 individuals & 2 species of reptile & one land shell.

My first guess was *Clavilia*, & as Dr. Gould has made the very important observation that the shell is reversed like *Clavilia* *Cylindrella* & some other land shells & a character so rare & exceptional in marine shells I return to my first idea.  The whorls are striated much finer than in the above, which is nearly 3 times magnified, & some of the middle ones are larger than upper & lower. A careful drawing having been made by Dr. Gould we are going to venture on a trial to carve out the mouth as we think the whole shell is there. Dr. Wyman found it when searching for bones & asked me if it was a coprolite or a pupa? The specimen was one of those containing much charcoal like 100th which I threw away.

I wish much we had not left any thing behind us. Wyman says it is well worth while for his osteological purposes to obtain the rest if you can. The two iliac bones } are so unequal in size as to belong to two individuals, certainly of the same species. } there is also an ischium & a tibia (or fibula?) The jaw is too imperfect to tell much. The teeth too brittle to show structure.

I am much obliged to you for your paper on Education which is excellent. Your time is I doubt not too busily employed professionally to allow you to give much to the old tree, but I shall tell Wyman that I pay any expenses of specimens you may send to him for our paper, & I

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Should wish need to pay for any incurred in a
trip to the Joggins. The shell will illustrate or short
paper which in my last I proposed to accompany
Wyman's. If you will do the botany of this notice,
I will write all the conchology. *Arboricida*
carbonacea might be a good name. I hope to hear
from you soon. My clap is large. I told them
it was not our luck but that we had adopted the
plan of American sportsmen "to try our game". Some
collector Bourvi, others are talking of going to
N. Scotia this autumn but I don't say it will be next
year. We have opened a new chapter

Very truly yr
Chadwell

If you print anything of our discovery, always speak
of Dr Wyman as engaged in the examination, &
that such and such are his present results liable
to modification on further study. He is however
proceeding with caution, even timidly.

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