



Plant
Peel Park

Salford Borough Royal Museum Library

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Dear Sir

Through the kindness of Prof
Williamson of Owens Coke, I
received from you last August a
small collection of eleven Primordial
fossils from the strata at St Johns NB

The species are highly interesting
bore from their close affinity with
those I found in 1865 in the Mernevic
strata near Dolgelly North Wales.

The Microdiscus, Orthis - and Conocoryphe
are nearly identical, I have yet
to learn all about your fossils
and the extent of the Primordial
strata at St Johns. and shall

Principals Dawson's

McGill University, Montreal

Look forward to the description of
them in the journal from Canada
& the U.S. which perhaps has been
already printed.

In North Wales (still more in
South Wales at St David by Mr. H.
Hinks) we find a very rich and
numerous fauna, from the
great Paraspidia Davidis 16 in
long - to a Lingulella like a first
hand - about 60 species named.

(Mr. Salter left the work unfinished
so the list would have been raised
to 80 at least.)

^{present}
My poverty in specimens is such
that I am reduced to sending
only casts of the finest & unique
ones, which will account for
some being in the box - in fact

The really fine ones were singularly unique
and the broken & damaged specimens in
great abundance in one or two places.

The locality is deserted in consequence
of the bankruptcy of the Gold Mine Co.
so that no fossils are again recoverable
except by chance in turning over the
waste heaps. And the locality lies off
the track of the tourist.

The papers & photographs will help
you to some information about these
North Wales fossils. — I have sent
two Oldhamia. Shells I think you
said you could always find Eozoon
fossils, and a few Dodo bones from
Mauritius, when they were dug
up by my brother, who is a
naturalist in Madagascar.

Whenever it is your good luck to
have a specimen of Eozoon

to spare. I trust you will remember the
 barrenness of my cabinet. In England one
 must be a millionaire to buy Eozoon, and
 then the choice is small between
 a few which neither convince ^{nor}
 disprove its reality as an organism -
 I can't understand the reason for the
 fancy price put upon Eozoon by dealers
 ? sure it is massively abundant somewhere
 and can be got one like blocks of marble
 however you will know all about
 this -

The parcel has been sent through the
 agent, for the Smithsonian Institution
 as Prof. Hervey, whom here, told me to
 send anything in this way. It would
 be safe to reach its destination -

with sincere
 respect

Yours truly

John Plant