



Sydney, C.B. Dec 6, 75

My dear Sir,

Your valued favor of 26
ult. with pamphlets is duly
received for which please ac-
cept my thanks. I have now
them both with much interest.

I regret very much to hear today
that owing to an unusual press
of duties all the nations and
which still continues I have been
unable to write up to the present
to carry out my wishes with

opened to further examination
in the Corvallis Marsh basin.
That there is brown mud
to be brown there yet and
that Mendocino evidence is
within easy reach to show
the question of the age of the
strata at Corvallis pit I have
no doubt, I am even that
Mr. R. from the evidence that
he has gathered is strongly
inclined to adopt the Corvallis
opinion that all this section
of country south as well of
the productive Coast-basins
is Millstone grit though he

encompasses the eastern side of a
fault of undetermined mag-
nitude extending from Sydney
towards Corby or Maria Bay
and although I work not pre-
sently to dig further on this
subject I should still feel
sorry to have the case laid
before the apparently large
amount of evidence waiting
to be heard shall have been
brought in. The lateness of the
season and amount of snow
will I am afraid almost pre-
clude the possibility of doing
anything further this fall but

I will be on the alert as to
the snow train as at Newry
as is not improbable I will try
to get a sight of exposure
S. of Cassette's snow outcrop &
input the results by sketching
or otherwise as I may be able.

Mr Fitcher, I think, has made
some observations across the
extreme S. Western end of the
basin but I am not aware with
what results. He however would
not have touched on the neighbor-
hood of the group of lakes
which occupy the whole center
of the basin as in many places
if I am rightly informed (How

good exposures of sand
in bituminous and fossiliferous
shales.

From the deposits of the late
basal McRae of Lower
Mississippian is a very pretty
specimen of *Colletes* *lucorum*
if that of possible I will
examine in detail. It was
picked up in the old French
workings at Schoon Point
but is I think by no means
a rare fossil throughout the
coal field. I think that I
sent a few specimens from
Mississippian. I return today

in Academic Geology that you
had already described the
fracture of a stratum that
is mentioned in your last work
concerning the stratum of the
about speak of it so am-
biguously.

A little interest has been ex-
cited recently by the alleged
discovery of an 8-6" seam
of coal underlying the Lower
seam at a depth of some 700
feet. I have not heard much
about for a few weeks and
fancy that the facts have been
much exaggerated. Should

And we have seen it of
course work worth all
the Eastern business and of
immense value, there is no
moment of present however
even to warrant the systematic
testing of it. The County is just
waking up to the fact that some
thousands of miners are in
a state bordering on starvation
and as our Local Government
have refused to grant any
relief before the rising of the
house in March and the
people of this County are em-
pirically moving in the matter

as I have no doubt that
after having done their duty
towards their suffering country
men will feel strongly in-
clined to demand an explana-
tion of their representations
of their extraordinary and
brave actions.

I am dear Sir

Very faithfully yours.

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