

Little Metes
Aug 11, 1881

My dear Mr. Whiteaves,

I received last evening yours of 6th, respecting the Gastropod from Campbell's co. Though I compared this shell with *Dacrydella*, I do not think it can belong to that genus, as there seems to be no trace of the lamella in the aperture; nor does the aperture resemble that of any *Margarita* I know. Your suggestion of a resemblance to *Valvata*

Comments itself well
& my mind; and in one
of my specimens there is
a flat object in the
aperture which may
possibly be an speculum,
but I am not quite
sure of this.

The best specimens
I have here are unfortunately
in a rather large piece of
stone; but if I can reduce
the specimen a little I
shall send it to you
by parcel post for ex.

accumulation.

Most of my specimens, including all the fish remains, have been sent up to Montreal, where I hope to unpack them in Sept., when I shall at once inform you, and shall be happy to give you access to the whole.

As to the Gyrodina? I do not remember the distinction between this & Bygonia, if there is really any good distinction. Had supposed the forms with a simple marginal furrow belonged to the former.

and are less strictly marine
than the former latter.

I think the specimens of
the Carboniferous & Devonian
are mostly brackish water, being
usually found with land
plants, and where no perfect
marine shells occur.