

Direct
30 Haddington Place,
Edinburgh 23.rd Feby 1847.

My dear Sir,

In my last letter
I promised to write you again
should I get hold of any
thing about Silurian plants
printed. - To day I have got
hold of (see other side) & have
extracted from Mr. Henderson's
paper all said about them.
I regret that I can get hold
of nothing else useful to you.
What I said about mine I cannot
now trust my memory to tell
nor can I find the memoranda
made at the time. - I fancy it is
in the "waste basket" of the Geo. Society,
they having stopped printing from our
funds.

Transactions of the Edinb.
Geological Society Vol. II,
page 373. -
On some Silurian Fossils
found in the Pentlands Hills.
By John Henderson, Curator
of the Museum.

I merely extract the parts
relating to plants.

x x x x
Another organism I detected
in these beds ("Dictyocaris &c were
found") in the Monk's Burn
appears to be a plant, like
Stigmaria or Seigillaria, with
either rootlets or leaf scars
marked all over its surface.
If this be correct, it would be
an important addition to the
fossils of the Silurian period,
as nothing but what is referable
to sea-weeds has hitherto been
described from this formation

x x over

" and a plant like a calamite
about 4 inches broad in thickness"
" Another plant like impression
I found at Harehill, about a mile
further N.W. with small oval
-shaped leaflets, very small,
but very distinct."

I saw these specimens & firmly
believe that they are plants,
C.W.P.

Mr. D. J. Brown exhibited
better specimens of fossil
plants from the Kentlands
said to be from Silurian
rocks. I find no mention
of them in the Transactions of
the above ~~society~~ Society. There
- at least some of them - were
much like specimens I got
in the Lower Silurian rocks
of Sutherlandshire. If any of
these prove to be really plants,
then Gigantic ones must

have flourished in those very
ancient times.

I have a paper waiting its
turn at the Geol. Soc. of London,
should I be spared to know of
its being read & printed & get
copies of it I will send you one.
I am busy just now for the
Botanical Society here - on
fossil plants from our rocks
here identical with several
described in "The Cuban Flora"
of Steur published at Vienna
1845. - The Bot. Soc. do not give
copies - they ought - the one
unfortunately poor - what a pity.

With very best regards
ever believe me
faithfully yours
Wm W Peach
Principal Dawson
McGill College Montreal.