



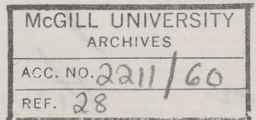
Principal Dawson

JRS

19 CASTLE STREET,

EDINBURGH, 27<sup>th</sup> March 1878

Montreal



My Dear Sir

I have yr PK of the inst & 6  
copies of yr paper also  
Mf thereof: for which  
I am obliged.

Fossil plants are not  
much studied here  
but Mr Peach & his pupil  
Mr Thompson (to whom<sup>\*</sup>  
I have sent a copy) are  
<sup>\*</sup>as to Mr Jas McNab, Curator, Royal Botanic Gardens  
here

devotedly attached to this  
abstruse province of palaeonto-  
logy. I enclose Billet  
from which you will see  
that M. Thompson will tell  
us at next meeting how  
he is getting on with  
our Fossil plants Catalogue.  
M.T. is son of Prof. D'Arcy  
Thompson of Galway College  
his studying science here  
under Prof. Sir Wm. Thomson,  
P. G. Fair & Hunt Brown.  
He has always greatly  
distinguished himself.



It occurs to me  
that you who are a  
master in this subject  
might be able to give  
us some very valuable  
hints as to the best  
mode of constructing  
our proposed Catalogue  
of the Fossil plants of  
the Lothians & Fife. <sup>⊗</sup> When  
we made our Brachiopoda  
Catalogue, Mr. Davidson  
took a warm interest in it.

<sup>giving us at same time</sup>  
⊗ ~~with~~ a list of the best works or papers to consult.

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gentl<sup>y</sup> bes  
Apr 1848

Perhaps you wd  
kindly send me a letter<sup>x</sup>  
on the subject, so that  
we may start on the  
best lines, of meanwhile  
I remain

Yrs very truly

Ralph Richardson Esq

<sup>x</sup> To be read at the  
meeting after next.