

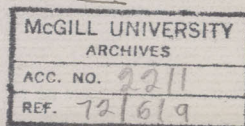
McGill College, Montreal  
Decr 23. 1880.

W. S. Dallas, Esq  
Assistant Secy, etc.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of Nov  
24 which I did not receive until last week,  
owing to absence from home, I beg to make  
the following statements by laying which before the  
Council of the Geological Society at its next  
meeting you will much oblige me.

It would appear from your  
letter that there has been some diversity of  
opinion respecting my paper among referees ap-  
pointed by the Council, and from the desire  
expressed that I should forward the specimens  
from which "the illustrations ought to be taken"  
even some doubt as to the truthfulness of my  
representations as to these specimens. In these  
circumstances I should not wish to give the  
Council any further trouble in the matter;  
but I think it due to myself and to the  
interests of the Geological Society and of the



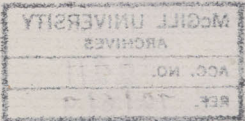
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Dec 23. 1880.

W. S. Dallas, Esq.  
Assistant Secy, etc.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 10th  
I do think that it is not necessary  
to bring to the attention of the  
Council of the Geological Society  
the following statement of my  
writing you will think it best  
to refer to.

It would appear from your  
letter that there has been some  
misunderstanding as to the  
opinion respecting my paper  
presented by the Council, and  
I should be glad to forward  
you which "the illustration  
has been done about as to the  
specimens as to the  
specimens. In these  
specimens I should not wish to  
Council any further trouble in  
but I think it due to myself  
interest of the Geological Society

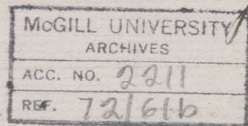


Science for whose promotion it is established to  
offer the following explanation.

Of one of the specimens represented I  
sent with my paper a photograph of the  
natural size and of the others drawings as  
careful as I could make and which  
were copied for me by an accurate artist.

As to now sending the specimens  
themselves there are some difficulties. Some  
of them are bulky and most of them  
unique and a portion are not my own  
property. Besides this I have found by ex-  
perience that in the care of objects of  
this kind to which so few have given  
special attention it is very desirable that  
I should have the opportunity of directing the  
observations of those who may examine  
them and explaining the peculiarities of  
their mode of preservation.

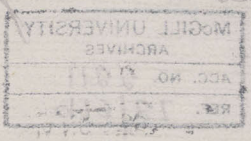
I shall however enclose in this  
duplicates of the photo already sent, a  
slice of *Asperites*, two slices of *Cellulose*  
and duplicates of two of the ferns which may  
be satisfactory as far as they go.



2 copies for your reference & is substituted  
for the following information.

Of our other specimens represented I  
sent with my paper a photograph of the  
vertical line and of the other drawings as  
copies as I could make and about  
two copies for use of our accurate artist.  
As I am sending the specimens  
to you by air mail I enclose  
them in a box and trust of  
them in looking and trust of  
myself and a further one not very  
perfect, besides the other forms of  
specimens that in the case of spots of  
the kind of which so few have been  
found that it is very desirable that  
special attention be given to the  
study of the specimens who may examine  
them and inform the publisher of  
their work of preparation.

Great numbers are in the  
collections of the plates already sent, as  
two series of illustrations  
and duplicates of the forms  
in substitution as far as the  
specimens are concerned.



I would further state with reference  
to the paper in question that the facts  
stated are the results of the examination  
of large numbers of specimens most of them  
very obscure, <sup>for repeated known forms,</sup> procured for me by collectors  
or submitted to me by fellow workers and  
of the study of some hundreds of plates  
from the ~~Flora~~ Middle Devonian plant  
beds of New Brunswick remaining undescribed  
in the collection of the late Prof Hartt  
and purchased by me for ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> labors  
and that my reason for presenting the  
results to the Geological Society was that I  
desired the same medium of publication  
for them as for my former researches in the  
Devonian Flora.

I may also remind the Council that  
in the paper which I have had the  
honor of communicating to the Geological  
Society I have made its Journal the  
medium of the first announcement of the  
largest and most important discoveries of  
plants in the primary rocks than the

presented further state with reference  
to the paper in question that the facts  
stated in the reports of the commission  
of large number of specimens that of them  
the order of preservation of the collection  
is distributed to the father and  
of the kind of our knowledge of that  
from the ~~the~~ possible degree of heat  
with of the preservation remaining unchanged  
in the collection of the late Prof. Smith  
and fragments of the few  
and that very recent of presenting the  
results of the geological part was that I  
obtain the above specimen of full color  
of them as for my former specimens in the  
collection then.

I may also remind the amount that  
in the paper that I have had the  
number of communication of the geological  
part that I have made to answer the  
request of the first communication of the  
length and that important characters of  
plants in the present day then the

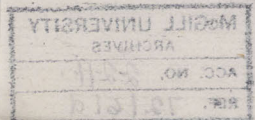
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Carboniferous made in our time, and that  
in entering the record of such further  
Numerical as I may make in this  
difficult ~~but~~ <sup>and</sup> as yet little explored  
fields I am adding to the reputation of  
the field ~~most~~ as well as promoting the  
advancement of Science. While the rest of the  
already done cannot be seen open  
for all parts of the Continent to rest  
in the development of its Devonian rocks.

It may perhaps be not improper  
in this connection to remind the reader  
that though very labours during 200 years  
of geological work the ground of the  
field has been made the means of  
extending back into geological time our  
knowledge of - Reptiles, Land Snail and  
Mollusks and of announcing that what  
introducing the system must be seen of its  
details is important the most important  
paleontological discovery of our time the  
evidence of remains of green lizards in the  
sub group known as Avic.

I would further ask that a  
draft of the paper has published the  
note sent herewith relating to subsequent

The first part of the document is a list of names and titles, which are arranged in a somewhat irregular order. The names are written in a cursive hand, and some are followed by titles or descriptions. The list includes names such as "John Smith", "James Brown", and "William Jones", among others. The text is somewhat faded and difficult to read in places.





Observations and to a remark made in the  
Synopsis should be appended to it.  
In event of its being rejected I beg to  
request that the m.s. drawings & specimens  
be at once returned to me in order  
that I may as soon as possible secure  
another medium of publication.

With thanks for the consideration  
accorded to my papers in the  
Library  
I remain  
Yours  
J. E. S. M.

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Manuscript and the several words in the  
the origin thereof is apparently lost.  
The credit of its being written by the  
agent that the Mrs. Henry's opinion  
at our retirement to Mrs. in order  
to give us some as fault becomes  
Manuscript of handwriting.  
With thanks for the manuscript  
of your comment  
Remains in

C. H. & D. M. W.  
John Dewey  
D. H. P.

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