

Dawson  
Dec 8

9, SALISBURY ROAD,  
WEST BRIGHTON.

18.<sup>h</sup> Dec 1881.

Dear Mr. Dawson

It was indeed most kind  
of you to have so promptly  
answered my letter & to have  
sent me two specimens of the  
Alyon Heads <sup>of Pillsbury</sup> A Both Mr.  
Whitford & Mr. Glass have worked  
out its nature in a very complete  
manner. It is a Zizosperma.  
That point is therefore  
definitely settled — I have  
been so extremely busy  
going through the press with  
my Devonian & Silurian  
supplements that

I have not had a moment  
time before today to write  
& thank for your kindness.

I am ~~spare~~ no trouble  
or labour in comparing our  
British ~~specimens~~ with foreign  
ones. I think we have  
found in Scotland the

Lingula Canadensis Bill

Cal. Zool. Canada vol. 1.  
p. 114. fig 95. Hudson  
Rev. Group, Anticosti. Black  
Point. — It should however  
be compared with the Canadian  
one on account of its peculiar  
shell sculpture. I wonder whether  
it would be possible to obtain  
a sight of a Canadian specimen

from the Can. mus. - It is  
the only Canadian species which  
I would now like to see -

I am not acquainted with  
Mr. Britton -

I have read several of  
your excellent works with  
a paper with much  
intent & instruction -

I am now an old man  
65 years of age & have  
worked at geology & Palaeontology  
ever since 1832. When

I was a student at the

Paris, now next year,  
half a century ago!

How time passes & what  
a deal of work I have  
done during all that time  
& still more I propose

with my investigations the  
more do I see how little  
I know ~~with regard~~ as  
compared with what remains  
to be found out. However  
I feel I have done a good  
turn to one class of insects  
perhaps one of the most  
important ~~one~~ to the geologists  
for they are the most abundant  
& widely spread organisms  
beginning from the oldest  
fossiliferous deposits & going  
through the entire sequence  
of strata & <sup>are</sup> still represented  
in our seas by about one  
hundred species. It has  
been a most interesting study  
to me to follow out the  
unwearing changes operated  
by time among the genera &  
species composing the class of  
I had been a younger man I  
would have long since visited  
America but the Deca journey is what  
I cannot stand <sup>your</sup> <sup>interest</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>subject</sup>