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My Dear Sir.

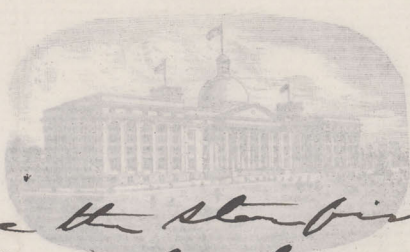
I send you a copy of my "Niagara Fossils" containing a description of "*Coenostroma ristigonchense*" from Dalhousie. The proof reader was also the compositor and being accustomed to scientific words, sent the proof to me remarkably free from errors, but when he made one he carried it through, and in this way the v was omitted from *Dietyostroma* and *Coenostroma*, and as at last it was put through the press, rather quickly when I was away, I overlooked the errors as they formed good words.

I have still several more species to work up, but for the last ^{University} English month I have been so crowded with work that I have not touched a fossil, in order to study it, but next year with Mr R. Ellsworth Call, as a full assistant, and a Mr Jaffé to take one class in Elementary Zoology, I hope to have more time. Today ^{you} arrived the skeleton of "Esaupeur" the largest Indian Elephant in the country, and to skin mounted, will come in May. We are also negotiating for some boxes worth of mammals, with Ward, to put in our

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Enclosed these fossils, I have the starfish
put away carefully in a private drawer
There was also an indistinct one
of one, which at this moment I cannot
put my hand upon, also are a two
Graptolites which belong to you. All
came very nearly being lost, when I
took them to Nova Scotia, owing to a
child getting into a room where they
were. In the autumn I will send
them all to you.

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I am not quite sure whether
I will be able to remain in Eng.
for the meeting of the B.A. as my
official leave of absence will end
Sept 12th, but the President says
stay as long as I like, and he is almost
an autocrat, but there is an Executive
Committee here, on which
there is a man over whom, who do not
seem to think that a Professor needs
any more time for study than
a common school teacher (wholly
the way is clear a Professor in this
Country, if he be not a Colonel
Major or Judge), and I don't exactly like
to run any chances, lest some future
request of leave might be denied me,
get leave arranged matters that nothing
would suffer in the University. But I hope
I am very Dear Sir

Yours truly
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