

about a pint - I have seen just now
for the water to be too thick and
please present my kind regards
to your family and believe me
Very sincerely yours
James Bell

Well
Sept 189

New York State Museum of Natural History,

Albany, Sept. 16th 1889

My dear Sir William

Enclose herewith
a short description of *Sirmansonia*
cf. *pretiosa* so that you can
make such use of as you please.
It is a description of the form as
we have seen it, and it is more
nearly like *pretiosa* than any
other described species -

I am just closing up my
work on the *Lingulidae*, *Déscaia*
and allied forms and shall go
I expect early next month -
In the mean time I am desirous
of seeing as many forms as possible.
While at Hamilton on my way
home Col. Grant told me that
he had sent considerable collections
of all kinds from that locality to the
Redpath museum in Montreal.
Would it be convenient for you
to send me for my inspection a
large number of these? He returned
to you within a short time - and if

*There is one small species which I am particularly desirous of seeing in all the places.

You have duplicates ^{of many} of these species
Please have these in exchange
for the fossils - I shall not
on this account change my
intention of going to Montreal &
see your collections, but when
I go there wish also to go to
Ottawa - I cannot accomplish
either at the present time, and
I don't intend to be absent from
Albany for more than a day or
two at a time till I have seen
140 pages of my volume in
print -

While I began my work with
very little material at hand I have
by begging & borrowing been
able to give a series of plates
(12 already done) - which I think
will prove interesting and valuable
to the student of Brachiopoda - I am
still desirous of adding one or two plates
for which I have a part of the material.

In regard to the other material which
you have proposed to send me, the
Graptolites, *Zygospira* etc, it may

wait a little - I have eyes just now
for the inarticulate Brachiopods only -

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to your Family and believe me

my sincerely yours

James Hall

1852
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