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Dear friend

I duly received thine

of the 21st of this month but knowing
nothing of any party of ^{the} that ^{of} ~~came at~~
Sheet I was at some loss how to reply
at last enquiring of Josiah Seymour
from whose father some of the fossils
you have at Montreal were purchased
I found that some months since a
gentleman of the name of Attock
living in Bristol had been at Sheet
& bought several lots, he had sold him abt
£8 worth considerable portions of a
Plesiosaurus being among them and a
somewhat similar lot had been purchased
of his uncle but neither of the specimens
of Plesiosaurus had a head or jaw. These

were portions of the neck. I believe he bought several other lots as he seemed anxious to see & get all he could hear of, & these would be altogether a considerable quantity as I understand there were one or two tons weight forwarded to him by rail he seemed to them to be a very fair man to deal with, whether these specimens were well developed I cannot say but I very much suggested that you should ask him to send you photos. of all he had to offer from these you would see exactly the condition they are in. he may have sold considerable portions of what he bought here it is rather singular that for several years past very few of these fossils have been found in our quarries though there is now more stone than ever being quarried -

I am not very often in Bristol but

if I can do any thing further for thee
in this matter it will give me much
pleasure to do so -- My second son
Edmund Clark resided at York a tea-
cher of science & German at one of our
large ^{primary} schools. he has for some years edited
a little periodical for schools the
Natural History Journal. he has had
great opportunities at York of examining
the glacial drifts in that great level
stretch round York -- My youngest
daughter who was with me in Canada,
married George Hinde who I expect will
be known to thee ~~and~~ for his work on
sponge specules - he lived some few
years at Toronto & is well acquainted
with the geology of the great chain of
your American Lakes

I should like thee much to see a
Museum we have here at Sher with
a very fair share of well developed
specimens - it is in connexion with
a large lecture hall that will seat
nearly 2000 people. The winter before
this we had a most interesting & illustrated

by excellent slides on the state of this country
in the glacial period by Mr Woodward of the
British Museum.
Since commencing this letter Josiah Seymour ^{in our village} the
has called to inform me had met J Stock 15 Glen Cove
Eastville Bristol & he told him that he had
offered these fossils to a gentleman in Montreal
but not hearing from him he had offered them to
some one else & he expected on his return home
to day he should find his offer had been accepted.
Seymour thought he had been calling
round this morning at the Quarries seeking
for more fossils - I think from what they
say of him he would be a safe man to buy
of but by all means show Photos of what you
he. I shouldst thou be in this country
again it would give us great pleasure to
see thee here. My eldest son Wm^{rs} birthday
to day 53. he was quite a young man when thou
wasst here he married a daughter of the late
John Bright & his eldest son is now in the business
I have just passed my 80th birthday & have
50 calling me father & grandfather not one of
whom of my own direct descendants here ever taken
or been nursed with strong drink
If living I should like to be remembered to Mrs
Philip Carpenter - Russell Carpenter dead very
recently of influenza - Hoping this will find
thyself & family well I am with best wishes
thy assured friend James C. Lusk