

G.M.D

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Gala Hill Cottage Burntisholm

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Dear Papa

It is rather provoking  
that this will go over in the  
same steamer as yourself  
& yet you will not be  
able to get it - till you  
reach Canada. But mamma  
has sent a note to you  
at London with a enigmatical  
address which I hope will find  
you & assure you of the welfare  
of all at home.

I have been twice at the  
Grange Quarry & find it to be  
a very rich place, especially

for those *Lepidostrobus*? Comes  
though it is rather hard to  
get them in good preservation.

There are "any even amount"  
of coprolites, & scattered fish  
scales &c. I have found  
one passably perfect piece of  
a fish which must have  
looked as under. It has  
no head.



I also found a  
fish spine?

a very curious branching kind  
about 8 inches long, but not  
very well preserved.



I made two  
drawings of  
*Lepidodendron*? which were  
on slabs too big to take away

one showed the branching  
very perfectly & another seemed  
to show the connection of the  
cones with the lepidodendron  
stems. I fancy however that  
it is only apparent. though  
no doubt from the constant  
association of the branches &  
cones they belong to the same  
tree





The markings  
on this stem  
were like this.



Please  
tell me  
about  
it.

I hope you will find the  
folks at Murray Bay all  
well & yourself have a  
very pleasant passage.

Believe me your affectionate  
son

George W. Dawson.

