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Prof. O. Marsh
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Dear Sir

Please accept
my thanks for the Report & Catalogue
of the Sheffield S. S.

I congratulate you on the prosperity
of your Institution.

Since I saw you in the Spring
I have been mostly tied up by
college duties. Notwithstanding
I have done some thing in the way
of collecting fossils.

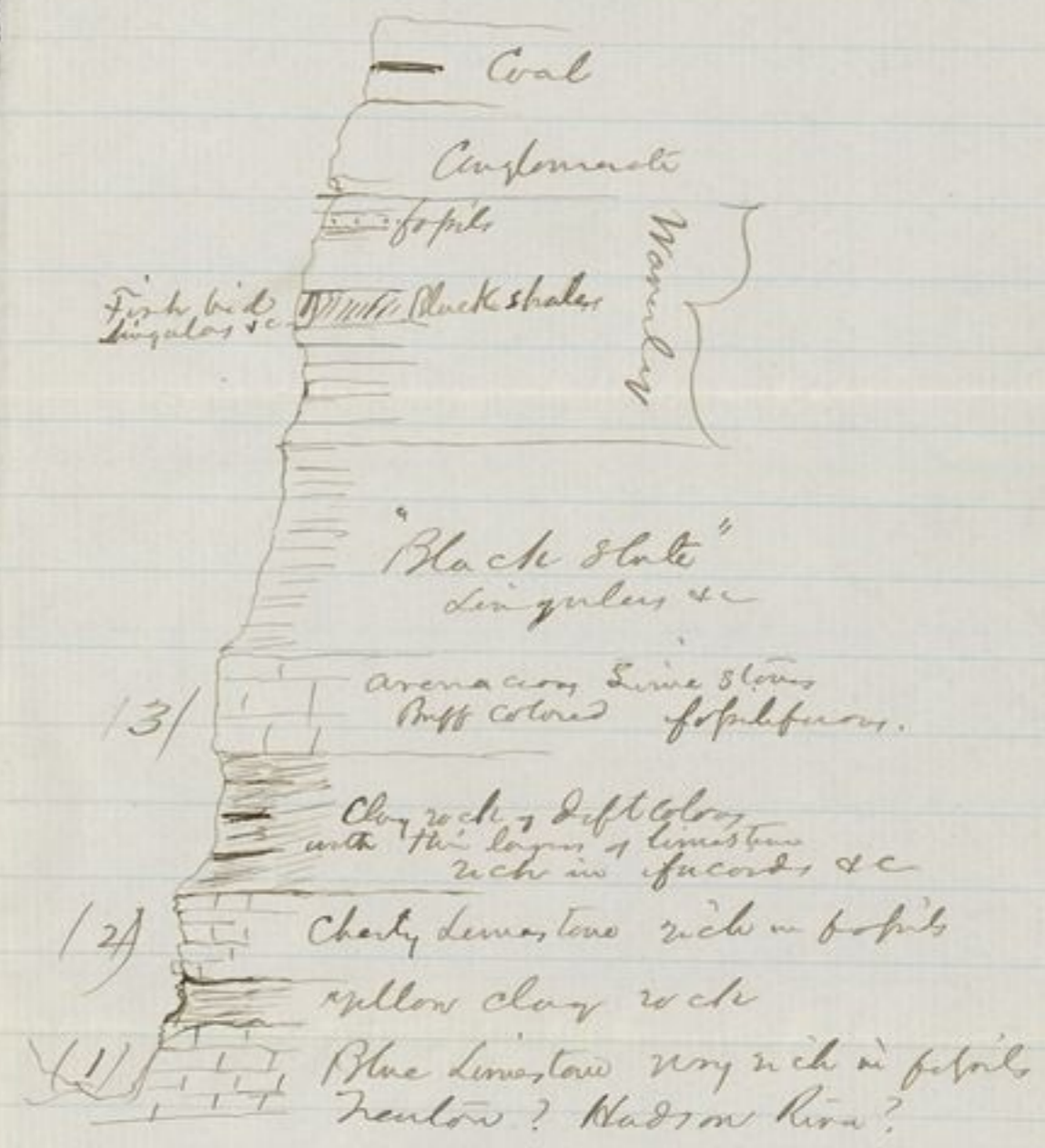
This year I gave the Seniors (on
the annual geological class excursion)
a trip to Adams Co. O. where I
made sections & gathered fossils
which will I think contribute
much towards settling disputed
points in our Ohio geology.

I have borrowed as yet had no time for the study of the fossils collected.

I began near the top of the Blue limestone of the "Cincinnati Group" (by the way the top fossils have a strong Trentonian look.) + worked up to the base of the Coal Measures.

I found the "Black slates" + "Waverly" limestones richer in fossils than I expected. The Waverly is rich in fishes + molluscs + some small trilobites. Lingulæ + Dickinsonia in the "Black slates" + reported fishes but I found none.

By reference to the rude section on other page you will see the relative position of these. The limestones marked (1) (2) (3) show very different fossil contents. The top of (1) was swept



away before (2) was formed + (2) gave place to (3) + so on up to the coal.

From cursory survey my new Waverly fossils have a Devonian look. Hall has not yet got out his Vol. My Rep to

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on the Chemung fossils so that I have
not the means of determining. But
I meet you right that the Waverly is
Sub. Carboniferous, then we have only
the "Black slate" - the buff - & Cherty limestones -
then with two clay rocks - to represent
the whole Devonian & upper Silurian.
My fossils are now in boxes, but when
I come to study them I shall be able to
give you a list of the more important
things. I wish you would join me &
we would go over the ground anew.
I know now just where to go.

I have a pretty full collection of fossils
from the upper Ohio & its tributaries.
This preserved in alcohol & in good condition
There are besides a good many miscellaneous
things - lizards - snakes &c.
I do not care to continue this line of
collections I have thought of exchanging
what I have for fossils or minerals
& think Prof. Revell would prize the collec-
tion.

Have you thought of Doctor Davis
who did the work (while Squires got
the credit) in preparing the 1st Vol of
Smithsonian Contributions - on West. Mounds &
as a suitable man to take charge of
the proposed Ethnological Museum at Cambridge

Some of his former here think that the place would suit him. From
what I know of him I think that he is the best man in the
country in New York City.