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Alliance, Stark Co., Ohio,
Feb. 9, 1871.

Sir,

Would you like to have
some spec-^{ific} fossil specimens of
the Lepidodendron ^{and other fossils?}; I have been
gathering some on the banks ^{of} and
in the bed of the Mahoning river,
and can find more. I found
a short time since what is evident-
ly a petrified limb of a Lepido-
dendron tree.

A short time since I sent
a box containing over 100 lbs. to
the Smithsonian Institution, and I
recently brought a letter from Prof.
Henry in which he says the "box has
been unpacked, and the specimens
found therein proved very interest-
ing"

I am
not much of a Geologist.
I wish I was more so, but I have

not the time nor the means to devote
to its study. I am a day laborer,
and by that means support my
family.

I do not wish to speculate
in this matter, but if you wish some
of the specimens, and your institu-
-tion has a fund for that purpose,
and will pay for the gathering and
taking seven miles to the Rail Road,
I will send you some. For what
I sent to Prof. Henny he sent me 30.

If you wish to have some,
state how you wish them sent - by
Express or Slow Freight. I sent
the others as freight & they were nearly
four weeks on the way.

With Respect, &c,

W. B. Burr

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