

the cognate sciences. Your fellow-workers know well with what disinterested devotion you have labored for many years in the investigation of scientific truth, and your published researches have given you a well-recognized rank in the scientific world.

I know no one better qualified in every respect to undertake the laborious duties of the Palæontologist of the Geological Survey than yourself, and I trust you will be successful in your application.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

H. ALLEYNE NICHOLSON.

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Of the Department of Geology, British Museum: Editor of the Geological Magazine.

BRITISH MUSEUM, LONDON, 19th July, 1876.

DEAR MR. WHITEAVES,

Understanding you are a candidate for the office of Palæontologist to the Geological Survey of Canada, rendered vacant through the lamented death of Mr. E. Billings, I willingly offer my testimony in your favor.

From the year 1858 to 1861 I had the pleasure of seeing you frequently, and you were at that time a most zealous naturalist and palæontologist, and one of the late Prof. Phillips' most able coadjutors at the Oxford University. Since 1861, owing to your residence in Canada, I believe I have only seen you during a single visit paid to England; but we have frequently corresponded, and I have carefully noted your labours during the past 15 years in connection with the Natural History Society of Montreal, recorded in the "Canadian Naturalist and Geologist," and elsewhere.

Your acquaintance with Recent Zoology and Botany, as well as with Fossils gives you a great advantage; indeed I know of no one better qualified or whom I could more strongly recommend for the post you seek to obtain.

Wishing you that success to which I feel your published work entitles you to aspire to attain,

Believe me to be,

Yours very truly,

HENRY WOODWARD.