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Dear Dr. Lagaaij:

Thank you very much for your nice long letter sent in April from Owerri. You have done evidently a rather thorough piece of work collecting along the Eastern Railway. One could not have had better collectors than you and your friends H.G. Wentink, D.H. Van Wijhe, J.S. Faulkner, and H. Altink. That is the nice thing about the Shell Group, there are so many fine scientists and persons on the staff. I find it very enjoyable to be associated with these people here.

The fauna is highly interesting, and if most of the species described by Newton and James are represented, it will be fortunate indeed, or perhaps more a sign of good collecting methods. The sample you sent certainly looks promising.

I hope you are having a good visit back home in Holland. Please keep me informed of your address, should there be a change.

Mr. Beran and I have been doing a little geological fieldwork lately. The type locality of the Littig glauconite member of the Midway Group (Base of our local Paleocene) has been visited and measured in detail. Mr. Beran is picking the Foraminifera from the samples that were collected bed for bed. The Foraminifera are fine, but the other fossils are all leached out except the oysters. We did not find any Bryozoa. The type locality of the pelecypod *Tanericardia* (*Baluchicardia*) *milla* Dall was visited too. Very many of these shells were collected, but there is nothing else there except Foraminifera. We shall visit some other localities in the Midway group later on.

I am rather fortunate to have recovered sufficiently to be able to go on field trips now. These trips do me a lot of good.

This summer I am to have a student assistant to help with the larger fossils. It is then that the many Bryozoa that are in my collections will come to light. I hope you will be so situated that you can find time to enjoy the work on the Bryozoa.

My warmest regards  
Sincerely,

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