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Mr. Jack McLellan
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Dear Mr. McLellan:

It is good to hear from you again. So you got to see Vincentown. It is a most unusual material, a real bryozoan agglomerate. Yes, larger fossils are very rare, but the small material can be washed out readily and is very rich.

I suppose the old marl pits on the other side of the creek have to be written off as collecting ground. Too bad, they were type localities for some of the brachiopods. The Vincentown is now considered to be lower Eocene and probably correlates with the lower part of the Wilcox group of Alabama. Originally it was included in the Cretaceous by everybody including Weller, who described the fossils and should have known better. I suppose it was regarded as Cretaceous because it is calcareous and one thought that the Tertiary could not possibly have limestone and chalk in it. L. W. Stephenson straightened it out in the 20s.

The fossil from Stone City is Tuba antiquata Lea.

I am looking forward to seeing you again and shall appreciate those samples. By the way, there are other good Tertiary localities in New Jersey.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures: map and card