

P.S. I intended to have expressed my gratification at the publication of your best book on Zoology. I trust you will complete the subject. Have you seen Mitchell's Bones? It is good.

Yours out

My Dear Mr. Dawson

30 March 1840

I enclose you a description of a piece of granite which I got presented to me when in Halifax N.S. last year by Mr. Bellis. I could not refuse it altho it was a sort of Elephant. The gentleman was so kind & seemed to think the specimen so peculiar which undoubtedly it was, that I could not but take it with thanks. A friend of mine happened to be at Halifax who had large trunks which he was taking to Montreal. The kindly gentleman took to take charge of the granite and to send it to you who I thought would probably take as much interest in it as any one & give it a place in some

corner of your Museum. Whether  
you ever got it or not I never heard  
but I take it for granted that you  
did as my friend was a very exact and  
good business man. If you did care  
of you found it worthy of being kept I  
now send you the description which  
Dr. Pelus gave me and which I should  
have sent at the time; but it has lain  
on my table ever since turning up  
every now and again like a proof of  
a neglected duty.

I have been living a very  
quiet life up here since I saw you tax-  
working away at such things as lie  
within my reach, and accumulating  
stores of all sorts. The want of books  
of reference is a great want.

I have just received an  
unsolicited appointment to the profes-  
ship of Mental Philosophy in the College  
of Oberlin, Mich. U.S. My Presbyterian  
brethren, <sup>in the West,</sup> have put this into my hands

in the most handsome manner, the  
Chair is endowed with \$25,000, the  
interest of which the occupant of the  
Chair receives. It is very likely  
that I will accept of it. In my student  
days & under my Reverend Master Sir  
John Hamilton I gave much attention  
to the branch of Study I have also kept  
up my reading and pretty well.  
With a little Study I can easily command  
the Subject. I hope also to teach Poetry  
and it may be the elements of some  
other Nat. Sciences. for which a little  
preparation and leisure from present  
occupations will give me enough to start  
with. I have not yet accepted the  
Office but it is very likely I will.  
It is all the more inviting to me in-  
asmuch as the College is one founded  
on the plan of Oberlin and aims at  
Converting as well as instructing. Therefore  
I will also have abundant opportunity  
of preaching in a large & populous

New  
Hampshire

Abstract of the Country. I could have  
wished to have spent what little abilities  
I may possess in the service of the Church  
in Canada. I really think I could do  
for students some good if I had a chance  
less of thro' there is not the ~~most~~ best pros-  
pect. My impatience has given offence for  
which there is no forgiveness. The truth of  
the proverb has sometimes come home to me  
in a way that has deeply affected me.  
That a prophet is not without honor &c.

I found in Peckow harbour some  
fine specimens of *Fucus serratus*. Seen by  
me for the first time on this Continent. Harvey  
had only seen an imperfect fragment and  
does not place it in his *Ner. Bor. Am.* I  
will send specimens to Dr Hall for the  
Nat Hist Soc. My impression is that it  
has been introduced from Europe. The first  
instance that I know of of its introduction  
Alga. It will likely become the most common  
Fucus on that Coast. altho at present  
only found to a limited extent.

I thank you for your kind  
to Mr. Stimpney. I am very truly yours  
Wm F. Shipley.