

Portland Place

Thursday 29th

My dear Dr. Dawson

Yesterday when your note reached me I was in bed and too unwell to attend to it. I must ask you not to entertain the idea of electing me as President of the Nat. Hist. Society. I have several reasons for not wishing to undertake the duties of the office, and I am sure there are many older and more active members

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Who would fulfil the duties much better than I could, and to whom the honor would probably be acceptable.

I am afraid I have not any more specimens of the Australian plants, but I have a few photographs of some of them, which you would perhaps like to see. - Billings is just now suffering under one of his periodical fits & I have not been able to give him your message about Eophyton. See W. Mellor Reade gives you another letter, in the March number of "Nature" on Eozoon. Very truly, your
Alfred R. Shreve

Selwyn
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