

New Haven, Dec. 16, 1875

My dear Dr Dawson

I received your letter of the 9th a few days since, and have delayed replying in order to give the question consideration.

But now I cannot reply in a way satisfactory to myself or to you. I am very glad to learn that there is a prospect that Dr Williams's recent Geological researches will be published. He was working on a problem of profound interest to American Geology, and of special importance to that of our corner of it - New England & Canada; and I have been

anticipating great profit
from the results of his investigations.
I had some correspondence with
him respecting his observations
in Berkshire, Mass., and his
promise one season to meet me
on that ground failed only
through a turn of illness on
his part - a slight fever, which
led him to speak in his
letter to me as if he thought
his work was almost done.

I cannot advise you as to
a publisher in New York who
will take the risks of the
publication. John Wiley &
(Publishers, 15 Astor Place New York)
Dow, would be good men to
write to on the subject.

I received your excellent
work on the Dawn of life
recently, and have perused
it with much pleasure.

Your figure of the Eozoon
is admirable, and looks
exceedingly as if a representation
of something coral-like. It
is a good thing to have the
facts brought together, and the
whole subject so well presented.

very truly yours
James W. Dana

Anna
Fenner

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