

years younger, so that he could
go into the field and solve
some of the problems that young
er men are stumbling over. He
is hard at work on the verte-
bral Pal. N.Y. It will be published
in three parts, and if the
work is not stopped & the
Professor lives, it will be the
finest part of the entire work.
A grand closing to the Pal of N.Y.
Trusting that you will pardon
the freedom, with which I, as
a stranger, have written.
That you may be able to assist
me, and that I can at some
future time return in a measure.

I remain

Very Respectfully Yours
C. D. Walcott.

Walcott
Albany, N. Y.

Prof. J. W. Dawson.

Feb 14th 1877.

Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir,

I mailed to your
address a copy of the notice of the
discovery of trilobites appendages
etc. since that was written I have
been finding several new points
in relation to the anatomy of the
trilobite which convinces me that
the trilobite was a synthetic type,
equivalent to the Entomostraca as
a class. Approaching the Phyllofoda
in Apus & Branchipus. Cannot
discover anything more than a
resemblance to Limulus, or the Pyclof-
oda. As I am not a darwinian
in the common acceptance of
the term, I am not prepared to
accept the embryological data and
hypothetical reasoning of the author

of the Monograph on *Limulus polyphemus*,
I shall study the specimens as
thoroughly as I am able, and en-
deavor to present a candid view
of their nature, and of the relation
of the trilobite to the Geological
Class to which it belongs. I fear
that Dr Packard and his fellow
evolutionists will have to hunt
up a new ancestor, as the old
Laurentian Archicaris may not amuse.
But still, as it is a hypothetical
form, it is easily changed to
meet changed conditions.

I hope to be able to publish such
results as I may work out, by next
winter. Fully illustrated, as most
of the sections can be photographed
by transmitted light.

As I am strongly interested in my
work, I wish to obtain all the ma-
terial that I can, that will aid
in the investigation. Can you
tell me of any?

Do you think that the Directors of
the Survey would be willing
to have the specimens of *Asaphus*,
Prof Billings discovered, sent to
Albany in care of the N.Y. Survey,
or Prof Hall? I am an assistant
of Prof Hall's. I am not acquainted
with Mr Selwyn or Prof Billings suc-
cessor, so I take the liberty of
asking the question of you.

I have read with interest several
of your articles relating to your
views of the Darwinian theory &
its relations to the subjects you have
discussed. The two last I have
heard of through the press. If you
have authors extras, would it
be too much for me to ask a copy?
The two species of *Conoccephalites*
you sent Prof Hall were interesting.
The Prof thinks that there is much
still to be done on the Quebec
Group. I wish that he was fifteen