

Boston Society of Natural History

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Dr. Dawson

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Dr. Dorr

Dear Sir -

Your kind letter of May 13th was duly received, and I am very sorry that I cannot see many obligations to you for your words of advice. The prospect of one against Cornell's taking the collection of Prof. Dorr, or at any rate their paying any price for them. They do not realize their true value and what we are getting and so is the inference the Cornell authorities will not see that other in -

stitutions would like to
obtain the collections.

They complain at Cornell of
having no money, but
that excuse is of no
value as Mrs. Hewitt
only asks for ~~part~~
payment down and the
remainder in instalment.

I will keep you fully
posted as to how matters
turn out. and think
you had better retain
the Brazilian Carbon plants,
if they are not in your
way, until it is decided
where the collections will
go. Believe me Sir —

Very truly
Your humble servant
Richard Rathbone

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