

Keethoven  
Peabody Museum,  
New Haven Conn.

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Dear Sir,

I have been out of town much of late, and have therefore not found time to answer your very pleasing letter of Dec. 26, before. I did not expect you would be so fortunate in finding such interesting structures in the fragments I sent you. I have already sent to Mr. Darby for additional material, but it will be a long time, before it can reach here. I think the plan you propose of working up a little report upon this material yourself, will be by far the most satisfactory one, but please

give Mr Derby the full credit of having collected the specimens, and having suspected them to contain Eozoon. I should be most pleased to see the report published in the American Journal here, but that is of course a matter of your own judgment. I should also like to see a copy of the proof, providing it contains any difficult Brazilian names, which the printers persist in spelling wrong.

Mr Derby in sending the fragment from Rio de Janeiro province (the one marked "No. 1.") was so confident that it contained Eozoon, that he made out a short report, for publication, asking me to obtain from you, if

possible, an account of  
the fossil, to follow after.  
You will best understand  
its location by reference  
to Mr. Derby's report, and  
as I read it to you. It  
comes from the bed of  
limestone described on  
pages 6 and 7 of that  
report. I am not entirely  
sure whether "São Anna  
de Pirapitinga" is in Rio  
de Janeiro or just over  
the border in Minas  
Geraes. I will find out  
for you. You may  
retain Mr. Derby's report  
as long as necessary,  
but I should like it again  
eventually. Do you think  
it would be wise to publish  
it in connection with  
your report?

As to the specimens, No 2.  
I have very scanty infor-

mation. The label reads  
"Serra da Caracaná  
Provincia das Alagoas  
near the falls of Paulo  
Affonso"

Ira a letter Mr. Derby says  
they are from the meta-  
morphie series; from a  
marble bed near Talhado,  
on the line of the Paulo  
Affonso R. R. This marble  
bed resembles that of  
Pirapitinga and the Barra  
do Pirahy (referred to in Mr.  
Derby's Report), and contains  
serpentine. That is all I  
know about them.

Hoping you may find  
time at an early date  
to work up your proposed  
report. I remain

Very truly yours,

Richard Rackham,

Principal J. M. Dawson Ltd.  
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Montreal.