

Penn Jan, N.Y. Feb. 2, 1880.

Dear Doctor Dawson: Your kind favor of the 22^d ult. at hand - The specimens of "Dactyophyton" which I have, is broken in several places - Markings very distinct (same as on leaves), no shell, and no septae or divisions, internally. Before sending the spec. to you I had ~~the~~ ~~one~~ sent all three of them together ~~and~~ in order to be sure that they were exactly alike, and they were.

I have believed Mr. Whiffled the best authority on Paleozoic fossils but this staggers me.

I have commenced putting up a box of fossils for you. Shall I put in a matrix of what I think to be Hall's *Dic. nodosum*? It is all I have, bears the marking well, and agrees perfectly with Hall's figure.

Thus far I have put in of Texas ^{and} fossils the following:

<i>Exogyra ponderosa</i> , Roemer.	{ <i>Ostrea</i> <i>Globa</i> , M. & P.	{ <i>Ammonites</i> <i>geniculatus</i> , Conrad.
" <i>Costata</i> - Sy.	" <i>Carinata</i> , Roemer.	" <i>Leonensis</i> ?
" <i>Aristata</i> , Roemer.	{ <i>Rostellaria</i> <i>Texas</i> , Conrad	{ <i>Trochotula</i> <i>Leonensis</i> , Conrad.
<i>Toxaster</i> <i>slagani</i> , Conrad.	{ <i>Enyphosa</i> <i>Pitcheri</i> , Morton	{ <i>Nautilus</i> <i>occidentalis</i> , "
" "	{ <i>Pholadomya</i> (<i>Alorima</i>) <i>1 sp?</i>	" <i>Texas</i> "

These are my own determinations and may not be correct, but I feel quite positive. I rec'd them direct from near Austin, Texas, without labels, and all dumped together with plenty of cotton so that they were not damaged, and all, except the *Lamellibranch* - *Pholadomya*; have the shell on.

Now I am expecting another and larger box from a locality 400 miles N. of Austin in early spring. Shall I defer sending the Hamilton and the above named fossils until I receive that box and then make a large box to send as freight?

You did send me the following works of Leans:
"The Fossil Plants of the Devonian and Upper Silurian Formations of Canada"
1871 - Twenty Plates -
"Flora of the Devonian Period in North-Eastern America" Geol. Soc. Nov. 62
(over)

"Notes on Some Scottish Devonian Plants" Can. Mt. Feb. '78.

"Observations on the Devonian Plants of Maine, Gaspe and New York" - L.J. Geo. Soc. Nov. '63 -
"Other Fossils from the Devonian" - L.J. Geo. Soc. Aug. '71 -

The U.S. Gov. has presented me with Cret. Flora, Vol. VI - and Vol. VII, Ter-
tiary Flora by Lesquereux, also Vol. I, - Leidy and Vol. IV by Cope - of the U.S.
Geo. Survey of the Territories: also Vol. IV of Wheeler's Survey, Pol. by White, and I
have purchased a few others, such as my small income would allow
of, & Meek's Cret. Invert. I.R.R. Survey, Emory Mex. Boundary Survey, Galbi's Pal. Col.
Northw. Ill. Academy - Ohio and Hall. N.Y. Hence I am getting some material to
help me in my study.

I will gladly send the fossils for the promised Repts. in the
Palaontology of the Geological Survey of Canada.

Who is the best authority on Cret. invertebrata? I have perhaps
25 sp. which I believe undescribed -

I feel quite anxious to know about that Shark's
Spine which you sent to Dr. M. - I get no word
from him, though I have written to him twice -

Very Respectfully

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Ed will send you 100
specimens of Hamilton fossils

