

Penn Yan, N. Feb. 21, 1880 -

Dear Doctor Dawson;

Wright

Your highly returned favor of the 16th inst. is at hand.

I am very glad you were pleased with the fossils and I will continue to send until the debt is discharged, at least.

I recognize the honor which you have seen fit to confer upon me by giving to the Equisetites the specific name of Wrightiana. I am aware that such distinction is unworthily bestowed, but I am proud of it, and it will serve to make me more enthusiastic, if possible, in the pursuit of the study of Nat. science. Dr. Gray has named two plants after my father - (a Polygonum and a Carex - Now if the Spine should be new to science and Dr. Newberry would name it C. Wrightiana I would be even with him.

I will make a thorough search for other specimens ^{of the plant} as soon as warm weather returns - found in the Gray, coarse sandstone of the Lower Chemung Group, Italy Hill, Yates County, New York.

I find 27 species of undescribed fossils (mostly Lamellibranchs) in the Hamilton Group, of this County, and I believe fully, that ~~we are to~~ they will be without names for many years to come, as no one ^{in NY} dare* write them up while Dr. Hall is supposed to be at work upon them - I think our state geologist is very slow, or we should ^{not} be in the dark regarding nearly one half of our fossils. Shall I send you a set of the undescribed fossils? (see note on other page)

I do not possess a copy of your Acadian Geology, ^{3rd ed.} and would ~~indeed~~ be very glad to own a copy.

*Believing that it would be uncourteous, which may be true, but I think something of the kind would have a healthy effect,

The books sent by Mr. Selwyn, at
your direction are:

- Geological Survey of Canada -
- (1) Decade I. Fossils from the Base of Trenton Group -
 - (2) " II. Graptolitidae -
 - (3) " III. Cystidae and Asteridae -
 - (4) " IV. Crinoidae.
 - (5) Palaeozoic Fossils, Vol. I - 1861-65
 - (6) " " " II. Part I.
 - (7) Mesozoic " " I. Part I.
 - (8) " " " I. " II.
 - (9) Cat. of Silurian Foss. of Anticosti -
 - (10) Rpt. on the Fossil Plants of L. Carb. etc. of Canada - 10 Plates -
 - (11) The Fossil Plants of the Dev. & Up. Sil. Formations of Canada - 20 Plates

They will aid me greatly and
I cannot tell you how grateful I feel
for the favor -

If your Botanist will send a list of
the Diatoms in the College Coll. we will see
what we can do in that direction -

Father has, several years ago, corresponded
with Mr. Macoun and will send for his
Cat. which is of course much more recent and
complete than Prof. Barnetor's -

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.

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