

New Haven, Nov. 11. 1880

My dear Dr Dawson:

While my book was in the works I consulted with Lesquereux, and accepted his opinion of *Syringoscyphum*. I may have done wrong in taking his opinion. But I think it is right to doubt with regard to such isolated facts. When multiplied, the doubt will disappear;—and you have no reason to feel anxious about it. It will be sustained if a correct determination; and if not, no anxious effort in its behalf will give it a permanent place in the science. That is the way I feel when ^{my} views, or facts (as I believe them), are set aside. I think I was hasty in accepting Lesquereux's *Syringoscyphum* of the Lower Silurian, and I should have waited longer if something similar had been announced in Europe.

Very truly yours

James W. Dana

1850

Dana

Napso

I am sorry to hear that you are
 unwell. I hope you will soon
 be able to go to school. I
 am sure you will do very well.
 I have been thinking of you
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