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Prof. J. W. Dawson

Dear Sir

Your very kind letter of Dec. 2nd is just received. I am somewhat astonished to receive your paper on the Pupae of the Coal Measurium which I had not seen. My copy of the Am. Jour. reached me at the Am. Mus. a few days ago, but owing to a press of work for a few days past, I had not been able to look at it, so had not observed the article.

I have been working at these fossils for some four or five weeks past, at my leisure at home; and finding the Ohio shell so unlike a Pupa, had presumed

specimens of the Illinois shell from
John Collette Esq, and worked out
the aperture of three or four individuals
which I found entirely different
from the Ohio, or the Nova Scotia
shells, then I took up the Dawsonella
and worked out the aperture of two
very perfect specimens, tracing of
the drawings of one I enclosed
as well as those of the Ohio shell -
I thought of revising the whole
if I could obtain material, but
find that you have done it so
much better than I could have
done, I shall content myself
with describing the Ohio shell
and giving the outline drawings
of Dawsonella.

The Ohio species is a strongly
marked new genus - and I shall
call it Anthraxopupa, you will
see by the circular notch in the
lip and the oblique irregularity

of the coils that it has some relations, in form at least, with Pupina, and also with Quadrus of Pfeiffer. Although I do not think it belongs with the Operculata. The Dawsonella I do think was operculated, as the Callus is so very like Helicina.

The Ohio shell is found, in one of the beds, associated with a Spirorbis. I have only three specimens as yet, and of them only one perfect. A fourth one was sent to Prof. E. S. Morse some years ago, but he has never done anything with it.

I shall be pleased to hear any suggestions you may be able to offer in regard to the shell and am under great obligations to you

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Sam Gray

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for your kindness, and for
the papers sent -

Yours very truly

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