

Columbus O 8th Dec^r 30

Prof J. W. Dawson, Montreal

My dear Sir.

I am sincerely thankful for your kind letter of the 3rd and shall do the best possible to clear the matter of my inaccurate quotation on *Cybelesteris Brownii*. There are perhaps valuable reasons which may afford some excuse to my blunders. For I am tormented with my total deafness by an horrible noise which fills my head without a moment of interruption and which often prevents me ^{from following} any idea, and deprives me of the possibility of attending with sufficient application and continuity of thought to my work. Personal infirmities are not an excuse for any thing that may not be right as it should. ~~It~~ Take the whole responsibility on myself, of course and I merely allude to this because the very kind tenor of your letter encourages me to do it.

I am much obliged for the present of the fine photographic representation of *Cuppa Vetus*. It is splendid and

more now, I ask you to excuse me for
delay in acknowledging receipt of your very
interesting pamphlet of great value to paleon-
tological science. I do not like to acknow-
ledge ~~receipt~~ ^a communication which I have
not read and it is only this morning that
I had a few hours of leisure and could
read your Benson of the land snails etc.,
which has pleased me very much. I never
found any carboniferous invertebrate but
the common Spirorbis which has been seen
by every one collecting coal plants. It seems
often to live within the substance of the leaves
or under the epidermis of some stems as its
impressions are sometimes indistinctly seen
slightly protruding on both sides of the ^{leaves} leaves
of Cordaites, or under the thin bark of stems.

Allow me to give here expression to my
sincere wishes for your happiness and that of
your family for next and following years
and for a very pleasant Christmas.

Very respectfully yours
A. Desquereux

*Seigneurie
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