

Albany, July 11<sup>th</sup> 1881

My dear Mr Dawson

Your favour of the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> ult  
came here during my absence and on  
my return was plunged into the  
work of annual reports, catalogues,  
recommendations etc - a nuisance  
& a scientific life and work for  
which I have no love -

Many thanks for your beautiful  
Acadian Geology and the chain of  
life - and also for the numbers  
of Vol IV. Can. Nat.

The vols sent by Dawson Brothers  
are all - ~~ii~~ . V. VI. VII. & VIII are all of the  
old series which I already have.  
- my wants are in the new series as  
follows, Vol II nos. 1 & 3 wanting

Vol IV nos 1, 4 & 6 wanting  
Vol V all wanting  
Vol VI 2, 4, 5 & 6 wanting  
and all after Vol VI

- Vol IV part 12.4 is at your  
service at any time you please  
& indicate the mode of sending -  
- It is too heavy for the mail.

many thanks for the specimens of  
Millepora and Polyspongia -

Can you send me a specimen  
of Bilings Stenopora compacta?  
How shall we distinguish Stenopora  
from Chaetetes - and is the Chaetetes  
actually destitute of mural pores?

These branching forms which  
may be referred to Chaetetes, Stenopora  
Stenopora etc are very troublesome  
subjects - In many forms have  
all the characters of Chaetetes & find

menal pores more or less distinct.

As soon as the spring opens I shall send a man into the field to collect Larnier Helderberg, oriskany etc and later on I hope to reach the other formations. At any rate I can send you something from the cherty already collected.

If you find me too slow do not hesitate to call my attention to the subject.

Very truly yours  
James Hall



Ball,

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