

New York State Museum of Natural History,

Albany, June 21st 1851

My Dear Doctor Dawson

Yours of the 18th came to hand yesterday - I am very glad that you soon has given something for the Geol. Congress. It will be in time to the middle or end of July -

I am very glad to know that you will give us something - I fear that our American Geologists generally will not regard the importance of the matter - but I have the promise of several papers - Do not fail to let us have your paper.

Note what you say of Plumalicia - I am satisfied to have it one way or the other - The growth of Rhynchonella upon it, I think prove it a water growing organism - The rest of it may be as you like - There are ^{usually} always sand plants associated in the same beds.

I shall not, probably, publish anything at present if ever - The matter has lain a long time in the expectation of getting my material together for a paper - and to give this note only to call attention to the nature and habit of the organism - If I think I will adopt your views - and will consult you - But, a volume of more than 300 species of Lamellibranchs is before me and in which I am immersed and beyond this my occasional looks.

I will not forget your museum - Very sincerely yours James Hall

Albany, June 21st 1871

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