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My dear Dr. Dawson:

It was not until many weeks after your invitation to lecture this winter before the Yale Theological School that I heard of it. I have been all along intending to write you to say that the prospect of seeing you here & of your lecturing here gives me great pleasure. You must not expect me to attend your course, for I have to be very careful as to any additions to the calls on my head, and nothing is more fatiguing than a public lecture or address. I lose many a Sunday sermon on account of it. But if I have to stay

as to the height of sea level at the same
time in New Brunswick or Nova Scotia,
and what are the sustaining facts. - It is
a point about which I am in much doubt
and I hope you will give me some light.

away (as I did from Mr Gray's
course) it will be with very
great regret. But for the
constant fatigue of head I
carry about I should
invite you to stay with me.

I wish you would
state on the enclosed card
what is your latest conclusion
with regard to the maximum
height of sea level at
Montreal in the Quaternary,
as indicated by the shell
deposits which you have
studied.

Very truly yours
James W. Dana

I should be glad also to
know what your view is

Jana
Dec 18

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