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Dear Sir, I have accepted
my thanks for the paper on "Fossil
Plants". There is a double
pleasure to me in reading your
work, now that I have had
the pleasure of seeing your
face. I am much encouraged
to learn that even 'an attempt
'to comprehend the laws of creation
does not seem unreasonable to you.
I have been bold enough to be
feeling - after such an end in my studies
of invertebrates, confident that much
will be gained on the way, even if
the goal be not fully reached.

I notice, Doctor, that you are
bringing into continued use the term
Eriau as an ^(American) equivalent for the
British Devonian. Pardon me
for putting the question; but do you

you not extend the term beyond its original usage?

In the New York reports (1842-3) the "one division" of the New York system includes only the beds from the Maecellus shale through the Chemung group, the Carboniferous and Oriskany periods, belonged to the "Helderberg division". and the "Catskill" was a division by itself. Altho these latter were, later, regarded as belonging between the Silurian and Carboniferous, was the "one division"; as such, ever made to comprehend them?

May there not be such objections to the general acceptance of the term "one"?

It is with much pleasure I remember my visit to Montreal, I regret that you were all absent when I called.

Please present my cordial remembrance to my Dawson, and the other members of your family. Respectfully yours
Henry S. Williams

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