

Mercer Bank Hyam

Fairfield

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Sir J. W. Dawson

My dear Sir.

I am greatly obliged to you for your note of June 3. respecting the fossil leaves. & subsequently for the Number of "Science" -

It occurs to me that the whole tenor of your communication affords an interesting illustration of

W^o Wallace's theory by which
he accounts for the "discontin-
uous distribution" of species.

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I should very much like
to know if there are many
species of ferns found in
the Cretaceous beds, which
are also found living now,
the *Onclea* & *Davallia* are
striking instances -

I have procured microscopic
sections of the fossil wood which
was so abundant in the same
district as the fossil leaves,
& find it to be coniferous - If
it will be of any service to you

Shall be glad to send you a
section -

With kindest regards

Remain
Dear Sir.

Yours sincerely

Geo. R. Byron