

Bant

Park Avenue Hotel
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Dear Mr Williams

I hope you got my
answer to your kind letter of last
August. I was not able to come on to
Toronto nor even to Ottawa for the
Mining Engineers. I started for
Montreal but was freed by weakness
to return from Boston. at the end
of Sept. Since then I have con-
tinued to improve & can now go
to the table d'hôte for all my
meals & drive out occasionally.

The physician declares me
cured, but urges care & quiet
for the winter. As I shall stay in

my comfortable hotel. I am now
busy at work at my Systematic Mineral-
ogy. which I hope to have ready
for the press in two or three months
and I write to trouble you about
a little matter. I am discussing
replacements etc. I wish to refer
to the fossilization of plants
about which you know we
worked somewhat. long ago.

I wish to know several matters
which you can if you will
answer me a few words.

1st. what minerals besides quartz
and pyrites have you found replac-
ing wholly or in part the tissues

of coal plants?

2. Have you anywhere described the beautiful bundles of casts in pyrites which you once showed me?

3. What term botanically will properly describe the casts of in silica of homogeneous wood which I brought you from the gold pouch of California?

I am not sufficiently familiar with botanical phrases to give the right word. I have not yet by me all my books, including many papers by yourself which would probably answer these questions. There are still in cases at

He honored Mr Douglas. # If you
can kindly answer these questions
& give me any reference they
will be publicly acknowledged.
I was glad to have news of you &
your family from Mr. Moh-
son at her late visit. I'd beg to
offer my empatalations with
best regards to Lady Dawson
& your family. not forgetting Dr
& Mr. Warrington. I am dear
Sir William

Very faithfully
J. Henry Davis

Sir Wm Dawson
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I shall get Mamma how she would like to be