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Sir Wm Dawson

My Dear Sir

I beg you to accept my thanks for a copy of the beautiful results of your study of the Little Meteor Springs and also for the descriptions of fern plants. The "Hergman Question" to which you referred in your postcard was intended to be a summation of recent discussions, which I thought would be useful to American students of the older faunas. I am very strongly impressed that the faunas in the Caspe' region which have been referred

by the Canadian geologists to the horizon of the Lower Helderberg
have a much stronger Devonian expression than the typical
L. H. fauna of New York. However insensible the transition
from the Niagara fauna upwards may be, either in the N. Y. or
the Gaspé sections, I presume the conventional line between Silurian
and Devonian must draw somewhere.

Very Truly Yours

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