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Dear Papa

The Palaeontology lectures
came to a conclusion last
Friday, & though very interesting
we were glad enough to get them
over & prevent further accumulation

of material. The Bell of Fossils
has been as follows. 29 genera
of plants. 30 genera of Brachiopoda.

32 of Trilobites. 7 of Phyllofods.

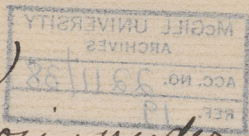
14 of other Crustaceans. 31 of Echinids

14 of star fish & ophiurids. 8 of

Crinoids, Mastoids, & Cystidians.

45 of Corals. 10 of Tetrabranchiate
Cephalopoda (including the Ammonoites)

divided into 27 groups)
of Subbranches. Belumites going under
5 divisions & Belumitella.



Thus we have 222 genera to
get-up. To know their ranges in
time, to be able to put them into
their families. To be able to recognise
specimens, or to describe any
which our Examiners may choose
to ask at the Exam.

Only 5 fellows including myself
intend to go in for the exam, & of these
three have attended & written up
notes on the subject last session.

I am therefore not at all confident
of getting through, especially in the
first class, which will be necessary
if I intend to try for the association
in Zoology.

If I do however I have almost

come to the conclusion that my
wisest course for next year will
be to take the Nat. Hist. (for which
I have already written notes) the
Mining & applied mechanics. One
great thing in favour of the Mining
in preference to the Nat. Hist. is
that the exam in that subject
comes off at least a month before
the Nat. Hist. & Applied. Mec. which
would leave that time to devote
specially to the two latter difficult
subjects. Upon the contrary I
do not get through the Palaeont.
I will be somewhat undecided
what to do, unless before that
time I have received some
instructions on the subject from
you.

I do not quite understand
what you

are now working at, about
the Post-Pliocene, or when you
intend to publish anything on the
subject. Please tell me when you
write. I should like very much
to do the P.P. forums, if I could
only get time & opportunity.

Believe me

Your affectionate son

George H. Dawson

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I have just received your
letter, & your ideas seem to
be very nearly the same as my own
on the subject of next year's course.
The mining I think will therefore
be the decision.

Yours truly
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