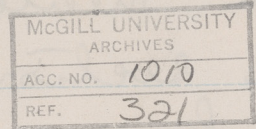


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Dear Sir,

Best - you should become impatient I will forward you today what sections I have already prepared, which includes all but the two coal sections for Dr. Dawson. These I will forward later. I have never yet undertaken to cut coal and the pieces sent by Dr. D. are so small and badly fractured I wish to experiment a little before undertaking these. This I have not yet been able to do, being very much burdened with work, but I hope to get time during the coming week. No. 10 of yours you will perceive is a failure and no charge is made for it. If you can send another piece I will try again without extra cost to you. Three sections out of the two lots I have ground on thin glass and not

transferred. My reasons for so doing will be obvious upon examining them. If you would prefer transferring for the sake of a neutral appearing slide even though the section may be broken please let me know and I will do differently another time. I would be pleased to have you pass judgement upon my work. If the sections are too thick do not hesitate to inform me, and if you will send more pieces I will try again without extra charge. I do not want to send out any work that is not perfectly satisfactory in every particular. Will send bill later.

Very respectfully,

Ernest Merrill

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