

Albany Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1858

My Dear Sir,

I can offer you no apology for my long silence but to tell you that I have been constantly occupied and so incessantly occupied that I have now before me a pile of one hundred unanswered letters — a little ill from overwork has crowned the whole — and now my Towtowok is done and I can soon send you a volume with more than <sup>150</sup> ~~200~~ each fossil described, and about fifty of Devonian of the whole. There are about 115 Crinoidae, Blastoidae and

and other Echinodermata -  
Of the latter all but three  
are Carboniferous and  
I hope it may be a little  
contribution to our knowledge  
of these fossils of the Carb-  
period in America.

- I am vain enough to  
hope that these subdivisions  
of the Carb. Limestones which  
I have proposed may  
be a step towards a  
better understanding of  
the sequence of these  
formations, and toward  
a true chronology of  
Carb. epochs.

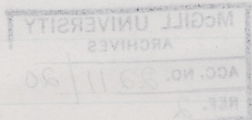
- I have only had time  
to glance at the fossils you  
sent me - The general  
aspect is that of upper  
Carboniferous or of



the coal measure epoch  
and very similar in general  
expression to the Lower -  
carboniferous of the west -  
Still I have seen enough to  
show that difference in  
depth of ocean without  
other apparent cause may be  
sufficient to produce such  
changes - After you  
have seen Iowa Report  
we will discuss the  
matter further -

Mr Hall goes to Canada  
tomorrow and I send  
this to the Geol. Rooms  
with mine regard to  
Mrs Dawson Ferguson  
Very sincerely yours  
James Hall

Mr. W. Dawson  
in



Prof Hall  
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