

Peterborough N. H. July 23, 1868.

My dear Sir,

Your letter of July 11, forwarded from Baltimore, reached me several days since; but I have waited for an answer from another gentleman to whom I had written to supply the only four lectures not engaged. I presume he must be away from his home, or he would, before this, have answered a letter written on the 8th inst. I cannot wait longer, and shall be very glad to have you fill the place with four lectures as you propose on "The Oldest Known Forests and their Inhabitants". I would prefer to have you lecture Dec. 8, 10, 15, 17.

or can arrange them, if you would much prefer it, for Dec. 29, 31 and Jan. 5, 7. Our Christmas week we have no lectures. I would like to know at once which days <sup>you</sup> would prefer, as it is now time to assign a ~~period~~ for all the lectures.

Our hall is 100 x 66 ft. the speaker at the end. The stage or platform for the speaker is 30 x 24 ft. The height of that part of the hall is 37 ft. To be visible from all parts of the hall, the diagrams should be quite large and distinct.

Four lectures on "the Coal Formation and Coal Oil" were delivered two years ago by Prof. Joseph Le Conte of the University of South Carolina.

There is no printed synopsis

of the lectures. He spoke especially of the coal fields of the North American Continent, and of the plants which formed them. He confined himself to the Carboniferous Formation, and made no allusion to earlier plants. I do not think there ~~was~~ ~~to~~ ~~any~~ ~~conflict~~ ~~with~~, ~~any~~ trespass upon the ground you have chosen, in his lectures. Even if you touch on the same ground, it will be with a different object; and two years will <sup>have</sup> changed the audience and induced forgetfulness. So I do not see any objection to the subject on this score.

Please let me know (address me at this place, Peterborough New Hampshire, where I remain until Sept.) which of the two <sup>of time</sup> periods <sub>^</sub> above proposed will suit you best.

I am, my dear Sir,

Yours, very truly,

Prof. J. W. Dawson.

N. H. Morrison

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