

New Haven, Sept. 20, 1869,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 15th is at hand.

The little coral of which you send a sketch is quite unknown to me I think. At any rate I know of nothing like it from the American coast.

I cannot even guess at the genus from your sketch.

I should be very glad to see it & report on its affinities if you wished & thought it safe to trust it to the mail. Even a good photograph might answer the purpose, so far as ascertaining the genus. It will be an interesting

addition to our northern fauna. I suspect that when deep-sea dredgings shall have been made on our northern coast many new things will be found.

A year ago last summer I spent two months at Eastport & vicinity studying Maine animals. Among them I had hundreds of living "*Rhodacrinia*" & made careful descriptions of all the variations. I had several varieties with persistent warts, & had them from low water to 110 fathoms in abundance. The result is that I have since united the "species" with "*crassicornis*" of Europe & the similar form from Behring's Straits, to Puget Sound, under the name of *Arctemia crassicornis*. ^(Ed.)

restoring Shrenberg's subgenus to the rank
of a genus, to replace both "Rhadocentrus"
+ "Stelia" + "Stanthia" names, (see my Review of
The Fossil Fishes of the West coast of America,
in Trans. Linn. Academy, which I will
soon send you). I have quite a number
of specimens attached to shells & stones of
Lampas Bells in 100 footings. Do you do anything
on that front now?

Very respectfully yours
A. S. Nevill

Prof. J. M. Dawson
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