

Montreal, Apr. 20. 1872.

Dear Dr. Dawson,

I have your proof sheets,
for which many thanks. I have just got a
letter from Dana, acknowledging the receipt
of my reply. He is terribly disturbed; acknowl-
edges that I am right in fixing upon him
his famous declaration about pseudo-
morphine, which he had forgotten, had
looked in vain to find, and evidently sub-
stituted was a coinage of my own brain.
So he says he feels that "my brain is
getting unsettled by the extravagant devo-
tion to my hobby!" of crystalline solids.
He consents to print ^{of my reply} in the Daily No-
provided I will pledge myself to
print no other article on the subject
anywhere else. He is evidently fright-
ened at the terrible position, and
promises to send me advanced proof.

I suppose to send to "Nature" after all
his vituperation against me. My article is
excessively courteous. and I regret to say
will hurt Dana more than anything
he could imagine. It shows him for-
getful. ignorant of the results and con-
clusion of the. and altogether unfit
to be a teacher of chemistry or geology.
I am sorry he has placed himself where
he is. but he must now publish my
reply (as he promises to do) or see it
appear in Nature with a note that
he had refused it.

I fear some other people will think
that he has not mine that is
addressed..

Very sincerely yours

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Principal Dawson.

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