

Franklin Square

W. Va., Feb. 2<sup>d</sup> 1876

Prof. J. W. Dawson,

Dear Sir,

I have your kind  
favor of Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, proposing  
articles on the "Oldest Known  
Animals." This year there is  
an unusual pressure of  
important matter upon our

pages - especially of matter con-  
nected with the Centennial  
Year. I should like a contri-  
bution from you (with illustrations)  
on the subject proposed; but  
owing to the pressure on our  
space must ask you, as  
an especial favor, to confine  
yourself to a single paper.

I'd bring this (including the cuts)  
within eight pages of the  
magazine. I suppose the cuts wd  
make 2 pp; this would leave you  
6 pp (6000 words) for letter-press.

It would give freshness to the  
article, if you introduce a few  
new illustrations not in your book.

With thanks, yours truly

H. M. Alden

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