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J W Dawson & Co
Montreal

Dear Sir

I am exceedingly obliged for the information you gave me in your last about the specimen of Stone I sent:-

I have to day sent ^{you} by a party going down, a piece of rock containing a better specimen of what I have called a replaced ammonite. - It was a most difficult matter to get a good example owing to the massiveness of the rock, and in this case it unfortunately broke in the wrong place, but I pieced it together with mucilage, so that a little water will remove the piece. - It is a fair example of the mode of occurrence, showing distinctly the circular pit in which the supposed fossil is placed. - I regret to mention

that I have seen these same fossils
in Wastard at a distance of some
twenty miles from the Niagara
locality, and in both cases there
are also the curious honeycombed
blocks, which appear to have been
made by some other form of rock
bores. - I am fully aware of the
difficulty in conceiving that a
soft bodied creature like the ammon
could be fossilized, and still think
it must be so. - I also note what
you say about the fish, and
venture to say that I am myself
tolerably familiar with the most
common forms of the Silurian
rocks, and in this case should
say that I only assume the Stone
like Trenton, as I know it is rather
abundant in the vicinity, but the
description given me leads me
to think that there can be no doubt
of a deposit in numbers of small

fish in a limestone, some thirty
miles from here. - In the early summer
I hope to verify the fact. - I hope also
to be able to secure a number of other
fossils of the Potsdam & Culpeper
reefs, several of which I saw here
and others I saw in January without
being able to obtain them. - Is it
trespassing too much on your kindness
to ask you if I could manage to
get from the Survey their four Decades
of Silurian Fossils. Mr. Hallowell kindly
sent me in 1865 his Palaeozoic Fossils
Vol. 1 and this is the only work I have
to enable me to identify any I meet
with. - If not too much to ask I would
be thankful if you could obtain them
for me, and should endeavor to
supply a good assortment of both
these and some of the rarer minerals
during the coming summer. - I
will be glad to hear what you

You think of the Specimen now sent

Yours truly
M. M. M. M. M.

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