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Montreal.

J. W. Dawson, L.L.D.

Dear Sir,

I am a boy ~~14~~ years old. I have for some years back been interested in the study and collection of Geological specimens, of which I have at present about 700.

I have a <sup>very</sup> few specimens of *Staur* (Fossil) and am in hopes of obtaining more this summer. But as I have not many books of reference I find it difficult to distinguish the genera and species.

My books are mostly either elementary works not going very far into detail or those treating of the Silurian & Dev. fossils.

I fear that the favor I am about  
to ask will be very troublesome and  
I should not ask it if I had more  
books or if I could afford to get them.

If it is not too much trouble  
will you please give me a few simple  
directions by which I can determine the  
more common genera & species of the  
Dev. and Carb. ~~ages~~ plants.

I hope you will excuse my  
troubling you.

Yours &c.

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