

That he begins to feel uncertainty in regard to the Quebec Group; but I don't think nevertheless that he has by any means made out a case against it. I wrote him in reply; and by next week I shall send some copies of my Paper for 1876 - when he, (and you also) can see what I have to say in the matter. -

With very kind regards
Believe me, very dear G^d Dawson
Yours very truly
Wm. Murray

Murray

G^d Edwin M^d -

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My dear G^d Dawson

I have sent a few more sheets upon matters connected with Sir Williams writing to Mr. Grant, who will read and pass on to you. - A series of family disasters has been the cause of retarding this and all my work for some time past; in addition to which I have not been very well of late, and am still suffering from Rheumatism - and old eye by them. - You will see that I have introduced the subject of the dispute with G^d Hunt, by considerable quotations from his own writings previous to the year 1867. - I have his book, and

various pamphlets written since his
views were changed; or as Sir William
generally put it, in one of his latest
letters to me, "before he performed the
same would not be formerly did in
his religion." All his arguments upon
the Quebec group, stratified Crystalline
rocks, &c. &c. - ingenious and plausible
as they may be, fail to convince me
that he has got hold of the True
Structure; and even being the case, I
object to his Nomenclature from first
to last. I believe his so-called Upper &
Lower Devonian - Canadian Cambrian &
so forth to be neither more nor less than
what we have well developed here in
N.Y. and which I have called Primordial
Silurian. As to his data for referring
the Perpetuans to Haronian age, I am
totally at a loss to ^{see} ~~imagine~~ ^{what} ~~imagine~~ I suppose
few people have had more experience of
that series than I have; and I have
observed and stated over and over again

the singular absence of either Devonian
Magnesian or Trilobite throughout its
distribution both in Canada and
in this island. - The only portion of the
Haronian to which the Quebec rocks bear
the slightest resemblance, is the zone
of argillites which contain the Aspidella
turnerensis, and some that permit to turn
up among them, I should think be
staggered, but I am unaware of anything
like it having yet been found. -

I have a great deal to say yet
about my experiences in this island,
but cannot have more time on hand than
I have just now to do so in such a
way as to bear public criticism. But
whatever I write, particularly if in
regard to Sir William, I shall refer
to you for approval in the first
instances. - I hope you will be able
to make out, and turn to good
account what I have already sent
you. -
I see by a letter from Schuyler