

Clarke

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Canandaigua N. Y.

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Principal J. W. Dawson,

Dear Sir:

I mail  
to you to day two fragments of  
some fossil wood, secured by me  
from the Hamilton rocks of this sec-  
tion. Knowing that vegetable remains  
of so high an organization, are but  
if not quite unknown, from this  
group of rocks for this State, and  
being aware of your own promi-  
nence in fossil botany, I ask  
as a favor that you will identify  
the species sent. Did my means  
allow me to obtain your work  
on this subject, I should be more  
reluctant to make the request,  
but if you will make so

great a sacrifice of your valuable time, I shall be under obligations which I shall be happy to use every means in my power to annul. The thinner of the fragments is from the inner ring of the piece obtained, and the other is a cross-section of 3 or 4 rings. I am unable to send larger pieces, but they seem to show all the peculiarities observable in the other piece in my possession -  
Yours, Sir.

Yours Very Respectfully,  
J. M. Clarke