

Powtucket, Oak Hill, Me., 17.8.78

The adoption of the Metric System, now making rapid headway in this country, will bring us in harmony with more than a score of nations, save millions annually in computations, and a year of the school life of every child.

My dear Dr Dawson I am preparing this summer my long deferred final paper on the Devonian insects. It is about one third completed and I hope to print it in our Boston "Museum" some time the coming autumn or winter. You will remember the account I gave of them and the notice of their geological position in the Geol. Mag. for April 1868. It occurs to me that in view of the extreme interest of these fossils, a fuller and more unquestionable statement than I can give of their geological position would be very desirable; and I venture to ask whether you would be willing to give me such a note in the course of two or three months to incorporate in my paper - I should value it very highly, it could not be difficult for you to do it and it seems to me, it would render the account of the insects much more valuable. I mean of course the proof that they are of Devonian age - I shall reprint the table from Prof. Hartt. If you answer at once please address me here; otherwise at Cambridge.

Very sincerely yours

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