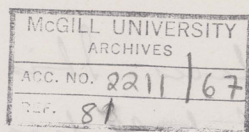


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New York, 8th June 1879

My dear Dr Dawson -

Here I am at New York, safe and sound, & perhaps it will be as well if I drop you a line to say that the box of fossils has arrived. After my Father has taken his out, I will see that the box goes to Dr Thomas Brown 16 Carlton St Edinburgh without delay.

My good fortune, of which I boasted when at Montreal, has followed me to the last - I had a jolly time in the White Mountains, though, as the coaches had not commenced running, I had to depend mostly on my feet for locomotion - I went up Mt Washington with another gentleman - We went up by the bridle path from Crawford House, & came down again the same day by the Railroad - Here the good fortune went to sleep for a short time - I had a nasty fall whilst coming down the track, and strained my leg a little - and bruised myself in several

places - It is rather dizzy work coming down that railroad, especially when it runs over the high trestle work - I was quite frightened about my companion who seemed rather unaccustomed to the work, and quite lost his head in going over the highest trestle -

I had a narrow escape of missing Lake George - Everybody at Burlington assured me that there were no boats running, but I steadily refused to believe it, and finally found a man who had heard that a boat had commenced running the day before - I believed this man, and he turned out to be correct - How lovely the scenery of Lake George is - I have seen nothing finer in my life, unless it is Lucerne -

On the Hudson I was very fortunate - The day boats had only been running a few days when I reached Albany - I met a most interesting young fellow on the boat - Half negro - & half Indian, but singularly intelligent - He had been a messenger, or something of the sort, to the English Embassy at the Constantinople

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Conference, & seemed to be thoroughly
well up in all the damps. He gave
horrible accounts of the cruelties of
the Turks towards the Belgians, of
which we have heard so much, and of
which he had seen a good deal.

I hope that all at your house are
well. Please give my kindest remembrances
& believe me

Yours very sincerely
Robert W. Williamson

