

118 Park St. Buffalo

August 15th 1879

Dr Dawson

Dear Sir,

I have never yet received any decisive answer in regard to the collections from the authorities at Cornell. It is hopeless to get any decision from the President when he is at home and equally hopeless to get an answer from the trustees in his absence. The man who has been appointed to the vacant chair of Geology is the former principal of the village academy - a man so unqualified for his position that he has received two years' leave of absence to prepare himself for his duties. It is impossible for

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me to judge whether it is unwise
to break up the collections but
if you still want the specimens
of which you wrote me I think
I shall make no further delay
in sending them to you. Dr.
Newberry told me that he
thought \$250.00 too little for
them but I shall accept the
terms you offered if you are
willing to pay the expense of
packing and transportation.

The packing will be done by
a student assistant who is
fully competent and who will
do it very cheaply. I am very
sorry to have kept you wait-
ing so long for an answer
but you can scarcely under-
stand how perplexed I have
been. I hope you are sure that
it was no lack of promptness
on my part.

Yours very sincerely
Mrs Ch. Fred. Hartt

Mrs Hart
May 1799