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Princ. Dawson

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Your favor of the 7th

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I would not have called your attention to the matter of Sillery Lawson etc in connection with Dr. W. E. Logan were it not of considerable importance - Upon the decision of the seemingly unimportant question of whether the Sillery or the Lawson ^(with Lewis) is uppermost hangs the position stratigraphical of all the crystalline rocks of New England. It is obvious that Logan was wrong in the view taken of these formations in 1863-65 - and it would not be for his credit to have his Eastern Townships maps colored just as he left them. Hence I thought it would be well for his biographer to note the bearing of his later discovery of the St. Francis fault upon the '63-'65 theory - Though Mr. Williams may not have fully appreciated what he did, the discovery of this

fault was the first blow aimed at his own
earlier theory - there must be letters or traditions
of his conversation, showing that he had lost
entire confidence in his earlier view - which,
when stated, will relieve any imputations cast
upon his lack of skill in deciphering the ~~works~~,
and will make it easier for Mr. Delozan to state
his own conclusions - and will also enable the
public the more readily to accept the true
view -

Yrs Truly
C W Hitchcock

