

Albany, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1880

My dear Mr Dawson

I found yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> ult on my table when returning from Colorado -

I am very sorry to have missed the meeting at Boston, especially since so many among my old friends were there - and the neurological record is telling sadly against us old fellows -

There at least, since I left home for the west - who were among our earlier associates -

I am sorry not to say that I am returned in good health, but I have for weeks been carrying a low typhoid fever which had

Became rather serious before I  
left the west - I was better  
for a short time after returning -  
but some one exertion physically  
- walking hard, riding all night -  
has brought a worse condition  
and I am just now little fit  
for service -

I write this that you  
may know that I am not  
just now in a condition to  
overhaul my collections for  
Devonian plants - I hope  
the time may soon come when  
I can arrange all these things  
in drawers and then will ask  
you to come and see them for  
yourself -

I saw at Berea some stratoid  
stems very similar to those which

You know in our Goniatites  
- They are slightly different and the  
branching is ~~not~~ at a different angle.  
Perhaps you know these - I found  
no good ones and brought only a  
fragment merely as a memorandum -  
- The College has good specimens

With kind regards and remembrances  
to all the members of your family  
I remain

Very sincerely Yours  
James Hall

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