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Prof. J. W. Dawson

Dear Sir

I must beg
you pardon for the seeming
neglect in not sending the *Plumbeus*
earlier. but I have been laid
up at my boardy home for nearly
two weeks with Rheumatic fever
and lameness caused by that, so
that I have not been able to
attend to anything until now.

I send you today by Express
the very best specimen there is
in the collection, that is the one
that gives the most promise of the
substance being retained. Still

I fear you can do nothing with it.

I will write to Mr Berlin
H. Wright of Beer Gann, N. J.
at once and see if he can fur-
nish you with a specimen, as
he lives near the locality from which
Hall's best examples came, he pro-
bably can do so.

I shall have to request you
to return the specimen when
you are done with it, as
it is from the cabinet, and
is the second of the lot.

Yours very truly

R. P. Whitfield