

Albany, May 4<sup>th</sup> 1882

My Dear Doctor Dawson

I have been looking for spring weather (so rich has come very slowly to us) that I could send a man into the field to collect for you the Lower-Helderberg etc, which you desired. - But I saw the other day that you have obtained from the Am. Museum in N.Y. a collection of fossils & perhaps you have all you want - Please inform me at this, and <sup>from</sup> let me know if any formation you need fossils. - As soon as I hear from you I will know to take & do - If you require Oriskany would you care to have large slabs? The individual fossils are often difficult to be had - The same also is true of the Schenectady grit.

I promised a lady (Mrs. Boardman)  
of Boston to inquire of you if  
there is any pleasant place in  
the country near Montreal where  
Summer Board can be had - at  
not too extravagant rates -

She wishes to attend the meeting  
of the Am. Association at Montreal  
and desires to find a place near,  
for herself, her aged mother  
her young son, where she  
can spend the summer and be  
able to attend the meeting  
without making a change of place  
- If you can make any suggestion,  
or give me names of persons  
to whom she could write, you  
will confer a favor.

I am in the midst of the  
usual legislative question about  
publication, but do intend to  
have some determination whether  
or not the State will publish.

much time is being lost and I  
cannot hope ever to finish the work  
under the present conditions -

I sent you a copy of my memorial  
to the Legislature, and if after  
reading you are willing to write  
any thing, I myself or to the Chairman  
of the Printing Committee (Hon  
Addison P. Jones) giving reasons  
why the work should be completed  
I shall be greatly obliged to you -

Our legislators know little of the  
value or importance of the work and  
need something to give them  
this information - of what  
use is the constant inquiry.

Several of our professors of  
Geology have already sent in  
my earnest letters in favor  
of the completion of the work.

Very sincerely  
Yours,  
James Hall

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