

Putnam, Windham Co. Conn.

Sept. 27th 1882

Prof. J. W. Dawson

My dear Sir,

I am in charge of a small Episcopal Church in this place of 6000 inhabitants. I am desirous of interesting the young men of the place in natural science, and especially ^{geology}. Having read your articles in the Princeton Review and also your Story of Earth & Man, together with Archaia I have been induced to write asking if I could secure your assistance in awakening such an interest.

I wish to see

can specimens of all & various
kinds of rocks of the Cretaceous
Age together with a specimen
of Cretaceous Canada.

My desire
is to build a reading and
lecture room in the basement
of my Church, gather cabinets
and by means of these awaken
an interest in the people.

I wanted if possible to
begin with the various rocks
of the Cretaceous Age and from
this build up the story of the
earth by means of the rocks
of the succeeding ages with
their fossils.

Would it be pos-
sible, sir, without giving you much
trouble, for you to send me such
specimens and thus enable
me to begin the realization of

my long cherished plan?

Would you be so kind as to inform me as to the probable cost of such specimens?

Excuse me

for trespassing on your valuable time but then are so many young men who are lounging about the streets, never going to Church, caring for nothing noble or spiritual whom I am hoping to interest in this way and by this way to bring under religious influences -

To you at the discovery of the Boston Cadaver I have applied for direction and advice, for I did not know when else to go.

Yours respectfully

A. P. Chapman
St. Philip's Chapel.

Chapman
sept/82
Worm banks

P.S. I have been collecting minerals
for some time and now have
about 100 specimens which
I intend to put in my room
as soon as it is finished
which I hope will be so in
November

A.P.C.