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Dear Dr. Dawson. (Yr card of Nov. 18
letter of 19. have just reached me.)
am much obliged for yr note about
the Masquens. All this arose from the
galtic zeal of our good president to
secure at once Lansdowne's patronage
patronage for a little display of
the French section at Quebec. I
have written Chauvean the purport
of yr letter. Nothing new in regard
to our Com. for B.A.A.S. Mr White

says he has not yet satisfactory re-
plies from the railways, & hence delays
in calling Committees together. I feel
much solicitude as to the composi-
tion of the Executive. Rumor says
the Whites are pushing themselves
forward & many people have com-
plained, and said that they will
not subscribe if they are "to run
the machine" as they do the Carnival,
as a political engine. I fear that is
what we are coming to, in which case
I shall resign. This feeling of dis-
satisfaction is coming up in various

ways to my notice. I wish Sir A. S.
Hall were to be here this winter that we
might make him Chairman of the Ex-
ecutive. We must have some man of
weight & position either scientific or
social - else we fail miserably -
I have written suggesting to the Phila.
people that they prepare a little note
which they may send to Bonney, &
put in his circular. conveying the
invitation of the Phila. Local Com.
to the members of the B. G. A. S.
I am much obliged for the report
of Bonney's paper which you
sent. The same must be brought

me a cutting of it enclosed in a long
letter from Hicks. I am anxious to
see his address to the Geol. Association.
Bonney's paper on Supposed Metamur-
phism in the Alps read before the
A. A. S. at Southport is in the
Geol. Magazine for Nov. It is an echo
of what I have preached in the
Wilderness for the past twelve years
and I am at last permitted to see
the fruit of my long & solitary war-
fare. All save the Geol. Survey are
(as he says) on my side of the question.
My long paper in the Laconic Inq.

two (52 Vol. 60) ⁵ is now all in page.

i.e. Seven chapters. making a complete study as it stands. The 2^d part is for next year. Meanwhile, Powell desires of me for the U.S. Geol. Survey a complete memoir on Neogene rocks of N. America. Their stratigraphy, mineralogy & chemistry with comparisons with foreign regions. I shall teach in all up to the Ordovician. or rather shall include this. It will be a capital occasion to bring out in formal shape my N.P. results. in a concise

form. making a volume of it.

This I shall have begun to prepare.

I enclose a copy of a table from my
"Laconic Question," a mistake cor-
rected with ink.

You will remember Natica 1832.

The Potsdam was unknown. Eaton
regarded the Sperry Line such as
equiv. to Calaperson Sandwich

Given in the second column the names
of the divisions recognized by Eaton
[at least the principal ones, for him]
the Orondaga, water line. Medina
& Clinton were subordinate divisions

His scheme will be our guide in
the future for the older rocks. I. e.
as regards Quebec group (Hudson
River group) Stacolumitic pr.
was Lieber's name for the Tacone
rocks in South Carolina. Corby
has now found them in great force in
Cuba, as well as in Trinidad & on
the Spanish Main, as well as in
Brazil. The Stacolumites are
now traced in continuous outcrops
from S. Carolina to the Hudson, & to
Vermont. They are everywhere marked
by granular quartzites, with chert
Scolithus & marbles - All this is

set forth in my memoir.

I learn you are just now off for
the Continent & hope when you
please to prosper your journey for
yourself & family. With best re-
gards to them I am dear Dr
Dawson

always, faithfully Yrs
S. Perry Auld

Dr J. W. Dawson —