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Sir William Dawson,

McGill College, Montreal.

Dear Sir:

I have learned, through my friend Mr. J. B. Tyrrell, that you have been more or less personally interested in the results of my examination of the described flora of Table Mountain. He also wrote that you had recently read a paper before the Canadian Royal Society in which you "referred to the matter at some length", but the substance of your remarks he did not give.

"Laramie Flora", and my study of the publications concerning the Golden
plants has convinced me that sufficient care has not been exercised in
regard to the relations of horizons from which fossil leaves have been taken.
As your own experience has been in a different field it seems to me that you
may be able to see the bearings of this matter more clearly, in some
particulars at least, than those who have worked in the region in question.

May I venture to ask for a brief statement of your views, and an idea of the nature of your remarks to which Mr. Tyrrell referred?

I thank you very much for the pamphlets you have been so kind as to send me.

Very respectfully yours,

Whitman Cross.

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