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Sir J. William Dawson,

Montreal, Can.

Dear Sir:

I am much indebted to you for your kind reply to my note. It seems to me that you have expressed the truth in saying that our American Fossil Floras — pardon me, I mean of the U. S. — must "be re-arranged in conformity with stratigraphical succession" before they can be correctly correlated.

This might be accomplished more quickly if ~~of~~ our palaeobotanists had any due appre-

ciation of the significance
of stratigraphical evidence.

I find it also impossible to
satisfactorily compare the de-
scribed Floras of different local-
ities from a stratigraphical
standpoint, because I cannot
put faith in ~~so~~ many species,
named from single, fragmen-
tary, ill-preserved leaves. Yet
these are introduced into many
general discussions by some
reputed authorities.

Very respectfully Yours
Whitman Cross.

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