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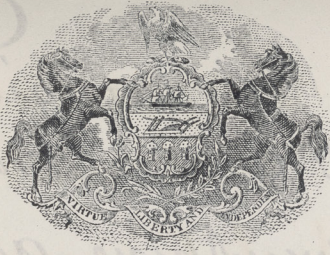
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I was so anxious to give your *Protospongiae* their place that I ordered of Porter & Coates, Book Sellers of Phil<sup>a</sup> - through whom I get everything at a distance, two additional copies. After ten days delay they informed me that <sup>the</sup> two copies had been "lost in the mail," but that they had repeated their order. The two copies came day before yesterday; but I was chagrined to find them the 8<sup>o</sup>. Preliminary Note of 1888, with only one figure, instead of the fine 4<sup>o</sup>. Separatum which you sent me, with the figures I wanted, dated 1889. If Dawson Bros. have the 4<sup>o</sup>. in stock or can get two copies for me from the stock of the R.S. Can. and mail them to me, I will, with bill, I will remit the amount on receipt in any shape available to them. If this is done soon I still have time to get the figures in under Proto. If further delayed, I shall have to make a reference there, and put them under Sponges. They are such wonderfully interesting things, and should be ~~referred~~ looked for among our older States in this region, that they should not be omitted.

S. A. Miller's new & improved edition has appeared & I have bought two copies for use



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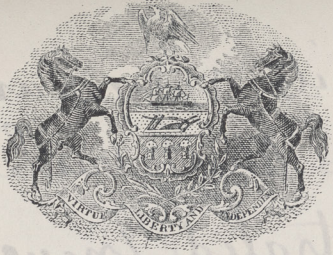
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It is a noble piece of work; and its appearance inspires me with renewed confidence that our Geological world will get a fully illustrated Encyclopedia before many years; although I shall not live to see it; nor to help make it.

Miller has decided views. He settles some questions about which after 50 years I feel scarcely willing to express the most modest opinion. Some of them are, however, matters of taste & etiquette, such as the substitution of Taconic for Huronian; of Lower Sil. for Cambrian; and Deceit's Laurentian for Champlain. These may safely be left to the decision of custom in future years. Such synonyms are of no harm, but enrich the language of a science, and help to instruct newcomers into it. For my part I freely use both Archaean & Azoic & Laurentian & Fundamental gneiss; but I am thoroughly prejudiced against Taconic & will not use it when Cambrian does as well & better.

Pardon me this long & probably tedious skeed and believe me My dear Sir Wm.

Your very grateful friend  
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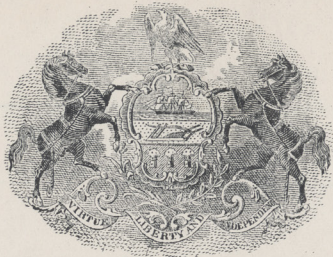
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Sir J. W. Dawson, McGill Univ. Montreal, Can.

My dear Sir William

I should have thanked you for your beautiful paper on the Protospongia before now but for all sorts of sickness and distress; my house a hospital; my friends in trouble; everybody down with the grippe; and printers cantankerous. The bottom of our world seemed to fall out this autumn. I trust you & Canada have escaped & will escape. I find the skies darker on this side of 70 - at least for the present. Stars in the evening sky are very well in their way, but they do not shed sunlight. I have lost recently my old friend Lesquereux, and my brilliant and loving assistant Ashburner. My whole corps is disbanded & I am quite alone. On the other hand my correspondence has become appallingly large & exacting, while my mental & physical powers have seriously declined. Sooner or later the world rides

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over us, and we are trampled down and forgotten. But what is the love of Christ worth if it does not enable us to set ourselves aside? I have no desire at all to be remembered; but I have a great desire to be useful; and the loss of the powers of usefulness is depressing to the spirit. This is the only sting I have ever felt in poverty, — the only sting I anticipate feeling in premature death. To leave one's work half — or imperfectly finished must be hard.

They have printed for me six signatures of the Second Volume, which I will mail to you directly. I returned make-up up to page 621 (*Pentemites pyriformis*) yesterday. I am afraid this second volume will much exceed the first in size. The press works so slowly that I cannot expect the Vol. to appear before March or April; and the Board has objected to my putting the Appendix to press until I have published my Final Report or Summary of the Geology of the State, which has been standing ready for the press nearly two years, but certainly will require six months at the least to be set up, after they put the compositors upon it. It will be no loss, if never printed.