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23 Denning Road,
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Dear Mr. Willian

A few days since I received
from your publisher a copy of
your new book "Relics of
Immortal life" at which I
have been able, owing to press
of work, only to glance. The
illustrations are beautiful and
you say well everything that
can be said on the 'organic'
side in the great Eozoon.

question. Whichever may be the ultimate
decision the controversy has been of
great value to the furtherance of
science, for it has led to such a
minute and careful study of the
structure of rocks and of obscure
organisms. - I am under the impression
that, at the present time, much
depends upon the side from which
the investigator approaches the
subject. - There from the petrological
side see more strongly the
difficulties in the way of minerali-
zation and preservation of

as organisms, and are influenced
by the imitative forms with which
their work has made them familiar,
while those who are students of
paleontology feel the difficulty
of finding structures so curiously
'organic' in aspect, as results of
any mineral process. The
resemblance to foraminiferal
structures is wonderful, at the
same time we cannot forget that
Carpenter himself was deceived
by the graphic structure in
the Scotch rock. Some alone

will show which party is right - But
of the value of your work there can be
no question -

I hope that you and Lady Dawson
have kept well during the winter.

Please give my kind remembrances
to her and all Montreal friends

I am sorry that there is no chance
of my coming to Canada this year

I am now tied down more tightly

than ever to England and cannot

get away for a time long enough

to make the visit a sufficient

reward for the expense -

Thanking you most sincerely for
your valuable present I am

Sincerely yours

J. Bonney