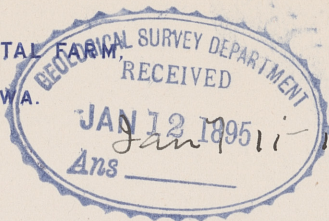


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Dr. G. M. Dawson

My dear Dr Dawson

I sincerely congratulate you on your recent appointment as Director of the Geological Survey of Canada. I feel sure that under your Directorship the Geological Survey will become increasingly useful to the country and that a great stimulus will be given to the work especially along those lines most likely to be of practical value in the development of the country.

Pardon me for introducing a business matter in this congratulatory note. Last August while attending the meeting of the A. A. A. S. at Brooklyn N. Y. I met Dr Chas Mohr the well known botanist of Mobile, Alabama. He enquired from me

concerning Prof Macoun's catalogues of plants and what steps he should take to obtain a copy of them, when I advised him to make application to the Survey as I felt sure that his reputation as a working botanist would commend him to the favourable consideration of the Director.

Instead of applying personally he has now written to me asking if I would make the request for him. I have known Dr Mohr personally for many years. He is a most enthusiastic and active botanist, is special agent in the South for the Forestry Division of the U. S. Dept of Agriculture and is one of Mr Fernow's most efficient helpers. His devotion to science has been a drawback to his success in business and he has never been financially easy - while a most devoted friend to those who know him he is too modest and backward in pressing his just claims for his scientific work on strangers. Hence his hesitation in writing to the Survey for these catalogues.

● I should feel personally obliged if you would kindly
have a copy of the several parts of the catalogue forwarded
to him - I am sure he will make good use of it in the
interests of science.

With kindest regards and best

your sincere friend

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