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Dearest George

We were glad to receive your letter this morning. I felt the time long since we had heard from you, or of you - receiving this gave me every right to think my communications to you are scarce.

There is no gift I have coveted more, throughout life, than that of being a really writer, because I do not dislike writing but find I spend so much time and it that I apt to wait for a favorable time, which does not



after dinner. Life goes on here  
 with us & the Harringtons much  
 as usual. Jane's father has been  
 free of all fiddlyness - clear in mind  
 & busy as possible writing magazine  
 articles. At the end of last week we  
 were quite gay - An Sprickley had  
 Mr's Porter & Hilary at tea & had a  
 pleasant evening. A. & B. joining us  
 later. On Saturday we accepted  
 an invitation to tea at the Physics  
 Building, & to see the new apparatus for  
 dealing with electricity & taking X-rays.  
 A little more lasting pleasure - a real  
 one to me - is that of getting our harvest



What old Dr Leach would  
call a theme for an essay.

I mentioned when  
you were here the Strehensacker  
Section, Lyell and I took  
it in 1842 as the best  
key to the structure of Nova  
Scotia, and along with the  
sections across the Colquhoun  
and in Cumberland  
made much of it. I  
think before attempting to  
map any part of the  
NS Carboniferous it should  
be studied.



The copy I send you is one  
I prepared and sent to you  
to compare with his own  
notes. I have the parts  
of it more in detail in an  
old note = book, when you  
have done with it, kindly  
return it, as it may have  
some historical value and  
never was published.

Ever yours,

J. M. Dawson

x When he was preparing his paper  
on the Carboniferous of Nova Scotia

