

brought from there
belonging to private
people, & to exploring
Expeditions etc.

It is not likely
a rich locality
for fossils, so
that very few of
any sort are
obtainable
He promised to
look out for any
chance that
might occur
You - Wm. L. Dawson

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I intend to post
this & my other letters on
my way up to my camp.
Tomorrow, I have not time
to write much.

When you get this you will
be in P.L.D. I suppose. I hope
you will write from there
& give me accounts of the
scenery & what you see.

If you have a chance perhaps
you will collect some diatom
materials

for me. You know the places
where such things are likely to
be found. The easiest way is to
strain the mud-scummings, or
weed-water through a piece of
flotting paper folded like a filter;
& to fold up the residue filter &
all in a marked wrapper.

Of course this is only if you have
time & opportunity, & please don't
put yourself to any trouble about
it. Please tell Papa that I showed
his men about Palestine fossils
to Etheridge, & that he says if anyone
can hear of such a thing he is most
likely to do so, as he has had the
naming of most of the collections brought
from there. At present however
he does not know of anything
suitable, most of the collections