

Schoharie May 30th 1886.

Prof J. D. Dana.

My dear sir,

I have a collection of fossils that I would be pleased to have you see. I may say that the collection is the work of three generations, and comprises the formations from the Hudson River sand stone, to the Hamilton inclusive - of this locality - and from which I have made - geologically - 32. sub-divisions of these formations, and which I think you will find to be interesting, and my fossils are kept separate with each division; - There are about 20,000. specimens, including many new, and rare species, and I feel that I have a

right to say, that it is the finest,
and most perfect collection ever
made from these formations. =

I am offering the collection
for sale, and will keep it in a
very fair condition to be seen
until this fall. I don't know of
your having a desire to purchase,
and as to that, it will make no
difference as to the pleasure it
would afford me in exhibiting
it to you. =

I would be pleased to
hear from you, and hope it will
be convenient for you to come
here some time during the sum-
-mer.

Yours Very Truly,
W. D. Gebhard.