

New Haven Jan 24. 1872.

My dear Gardner:

I had strongly hoped that you would be able to visit us at New Haven before returning to your Mountain work. You are often in mind, and on many pleasant excursions together; and I often wish that we might again join in geological talks & walks and investigations. Of all places for the study of the mysteries of quartzite none that I know of is equal to that of Monument Mountain, near Great Barrington, - when there is a boss, some ^{more than} two miles long, having ^{steep} quartzite sides half way around, and filled with gneiss - the two ^{rocks} outcropping close together, and wholly unconformable. Such is Monument Mountain. And then near the Southeastern foot there is a thin-layered fragile quartzite, very unlike the other in all its characters.

When even a chance offer. Please give my kind regards to your friend James D. Dana, & sincerely yours,
Wm. H. King.

events strike & dip. I have been over the
 region three or four times with ^{Billings} ~~me~~;
 but would give any thing if you
 accompany me there and take
 sides against me in all my
 conclusions. The gneiss is conformable
 to the Stockbridge limestone with hardly
 a doubt, as shown near Great Barrington.
 The ^{Monk} Monument ^{Quartzite} is underneath
 it, although rising ^{into peaks that}
 overtop it on one side. The ^{thin}
 quartzite may be of the age of the
 gneiss. I am going there again soon,
 and shall have Mr Billings of
 Montreal with me if I can call
 him out. I said "of the age of the
 gneiss" because at South Canaan,
 I found a similar quartzite graduating
 into an overlying gneiss & this into a
 gneissoid granite; and the whole
 was apparently superposed on the
 S. Canaan limestone. But this I
 hold also for further investigation.

I have been
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 quartzite
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 with
 you
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 summer

I have a copy of my book on
 Corals & Coral Islands for you, and another
 for Mr King, and will deliver them