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My dear Sir,

Observing that
you have recently been
describing new sponges,
I take the liberty to
ask whether you would
undertake the description
of one collection here
of North American sponges.

I may state that
some years ago, in answer
to a circular of Dr. Borrer
bank, I sent of him
duplicates of my col-
lection. He doubted

two species a *Spargella*
and a *Tetrea*; but
I have heard nothing
from him ^{since}, and
have had no answer
to letters of inquiry.

Perhaps you can
inform me if he
is still working, and
if not who, of any
one is following up
his researches.

If nothing is being
done, I shall be

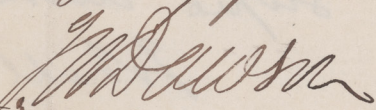
glad to send my
collector & my
son Mr J. M. Dawson,
now in the school
of mines, who will
transfer the specimens
& you, or work them
under your direction.
Thus I think he
could do well, as
he has had much
experience both in
chemistry and the con-
sulting work.

I shall ask him

I send you his address
step with this, and
if possible to call
at any time when
you may be likely to
be found.

In addition to my
collection, there is one
in the Natural History
Society, and we should
be glad to publish
here in the Canadian
Naturalist, or to republish
descriptions of the
species.

Truly yours



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