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My dear Sir,

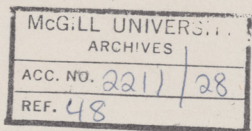
When in London
I promised to go over my
specimens of Coals with
the view of ascertaining
to what extent the same
specimens resemble those
you were kind enough
to show me. I have not
until recently had time
to do so and as your
mode of preparation
with marine glue was
new to me I wished
to try it. The result is
as I expected that

indications of spore-cases
are not very frequent
except in certain coals
and shaly coals, for instance
that in No XIX of my papers
section referred to in my paper
on conditions of accumulation of
Coal (Journal S. S. 115 & 139 & 165)
I am however prepared to
admit that the clear spots
in Cannel may in part at
least be spore-cases, as they
certainly appear very similar
in form, texture and ar-
rangement to the sporangites
in the lustrinous shales.

Similar to this as
additions to your collection
specimens of sporangites from
the Upper Devonian, Lower
Carboniferous and Coal-

measures - in all the three
cases from shaly beds in
which they constitute much
of the deposit.

The greater part of the
map of our coals and
also of British coals is
so far as I have examined
them certainly consists of
certain types with more
or less of true wood. Layers
of pure coals, of leaves etc,
occur usually in layers
of some coal or shaly
matter



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