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My dear Sir,

I shall send  
you my little paper on  
Syllaria, by next mail,  
though I suppose you have  
already seen it in the  
May number of the  
Sci. Soc. Journal. I wish your  
special attention to it, as  
I see in the abstract  
of your part II in the  
Reg. Soc. proceedings that  
you seem to lean to  
Carruthers' & Binney's view  
since about Syllaria  
being a kin to Lepidodendron,

Now having examined  
the types of a dozen  
or more sigillariae,  
of the type of S. venifera  
we, I can assure you  
that their types are  
more like those of  
Cycads and Conifers  
and thus in connection  
with the whirls of fruit  
marks which I think  
I was the first to describe  
(Geol. H. May 1866) and the  
constant association of these  
Sigillariae with Gymnocarpa  
makes me still adhere to  
the view of their culture

disturbance from dependence  
trees. I wish you would  
~~take~~ again on this subject  
at the facts in my paper  
of 1866, not only with reference  
of the structure of Syllabus  
cut of Sepidophlois which you  
English people still persist in  
wrongly calling Ulodendron. I am  
the more desirous that you should  
do this as properly the R. S. may  
evidence to publish for you  
and it will be the more de-  
sirable that you should do work  
which will remain. They  
have declined to publish my  
American plants, at which  
but for my knowledge of  
the entire ignorance of the  
subject on their part I

Copy to  
William  
Sept 17

would be offended. However  
I am publishing the memoir  
here with better plates  
than they could have got  
executed in London, under  
the auspices of the Geol  
Society of Canada, and  
hope in a month or two  
to send you a copy. After  
my experience of last year, I  
shall certainly think no more  
of my pearls before the girdle  
in that quarter; but shall  
publish recklessly in this country.

With my kind regards  
to you and Mrs Williamson  
and to the friends whom  
I met at your house  
I am yours sincerely  
W Dawson

Wm Williamson