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Prof. J. W. Dawson,

My Dear Sir:—

I have only just now got fairly settled down to my work for the winter, and looking over my letters, I find one from you dated Mar. 7th, another Aug. 6.

To the first one I replied, I know, but I have not complied fully with the request it contains for specimens of my silicified woods and corals. These I will send you today by express.

You speak of a desire to compare Cope's species of amphibians with yours, and I need hardly say that it will afford me great pleasure to facilitate such comparison as far as possible. All Cope's types are here, and if you come to New York soon you could examine them at your leisure. That would be much the most satisfactory way, because the collection as a whole is quite bulky, and some

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P. P. S. I include in the collection sent, one coral
from the Hamilton of Lora, and for comparison
with this the type of Orthis Strobilata lichenoides de-
scribed in our first volume of Paleontology, p. 193-21. 18. fig. 2.
I need not say that I should especially value, and there-
fore treat specimens of any of your species of fossil plants,
and shall be happy to reciprocate.

I sent copies of our reports to Williamson and have
two letters from him, in which he contends strenuously
that the Strobilata are Strobilata and that they could
not have had any such fossils as Strobilata lichenoides.

I suppose you have seen the papers in the Scientific Comptes
Rendus on the artificial fossils found near St Etienne, if
not I can send them to you.

of the specimens are fragile. Still if it should not be possible for you to examine the collection here, if you will indicate any specimens that you desire to refer to, I will have them packed and sent you.

Your second letter came in my absence. In it you requested a word of endorsement of your son's fitness to take Billings' place. Please let me know if this matter is settled; if not I will lose no time in giving him the benefit of what little influence I possess.

Yours Very Truly,
D. S. Newberry

P.S.

I have just come in from the cabinet, where I have been selecting specimens for you, and I have concluded to send you all my Stromatoporoid specimens. You see that most of them bear Nicholson's names in his own hand. The larger specimens I would like returned; the smaller duplicates you can, if

you please, retain. You will find in the collection one specimen labeled Stromatopora erratica, Hall. This is from Illinois, and I think Whitfield's determination. I should say it was identical with Nicholson's S. modulata, and Rominger tells me this is identical with his S. Sanduskyensis, which I believe is not yet published.

I also send you a few pieces of silicified wood, one from Texas, and another from Holmes Co. Ohio, from the carboniferous. I believe I sent you some small bits from a trunk found in the Pittsburgh coal. If what you have is not sufficient I will send more. I include a fragment of a trunk of considerable size from the carboniferous limestone, which is quite peculiar in texture and appearance as well as in structure. I am afraid you will find the latter very obscure, but will perhaps see enough in it to interest you.

I should like very much to have drawings of the Dadoxylon, which you have been kind enough to name for me, and also the description of that and notes on the silicified woods sent you, for our Report. I have had good figures made of the two tree ferns from the carboniferous. I have recently seen another imperfectly preserved but different, and apparently having borne fronds something like Schizopteris.