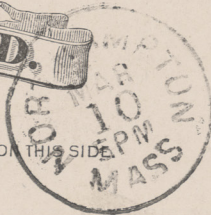




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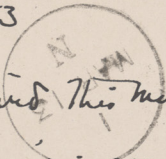
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Dr J. W. Dawson Dur. Wis. Your note received this morning.



I have not published anything upon Spongia except a reference to its occurrence, in a recent paper treating on another subject. I have nevertheless traced Spongia. I have taken a good many specimens from the genesee and also from drifted fragments which I believe to be Coriifera.

In the latter specimens the spores are usually plump, filled with milk calcule & the exterior covered with a carbonized film. The containing rock is a limestone the spore layer being two or three inches in thickness & containing many thousands of spores to the cu. in.

Very truly Yours J. M. Clarke