

been in trouble. My dear
Daughter who has been so long
ill passed away from us
about a month ago - though
not unexpected, still hopes
were entertained that this
trial might pass away. but
it has been ordained otherwise.

You on the other hand
have had happy events in
your family. Did I ever
congratulate you on
Harrington's Marriage?
If not let me now do
so both to you and to
him - when are you coming
to England once more?
The sooner you do so the
better - and rest assured that
you will receive a hearty
welcome from ever yours
W. C. Williamson

Williamson

Fallowfield.

Manchester Dec 11/76

My Dear Dr Dawson

Your letter naturally
gave me great pleasure.
because though I knew that
I was perfectly correct as to
my own facts - I was much
perplexed to understand how
it was that your country
should show nothing corres-
ponding to them. In all
my writings I have carefully
guarded myself from saying
a word against your
determinations further than
to affirm, what continues
to be as true as when I first

made the statement - viz
that our British Sigillariae
have had an organisation
altogether different from
yours - The differences in
points of detail which
distinguish so many of
my plants from those
of Antur & St Etienne
have long since shown
that we must not reason
too closely from the types
found in one country to
those of another, and your
present discovery only confirms
the necessity for this caution
I shall be very glad to
receive a specimen of your

plant: There is no room
whatever for doubting the exis-
tence of a Lepidodendroid
group of Sigillarian trees,
whatever other modifications
of the Sigillarian type may
yet be found: I am still adding
to my specimens - but not
fragment reaches me from
our Deposits corresponding
~~both~~ your Sternbergian
Sigillariae. If you are
right in your opinions,
~~between us~~ we shall es-
tablish a most remarkable
transition from Lepidodendron
to Adaxylax - and which
will materially help the
Evolutionists.
Since I wrote to you we have