

Cornell University.

Willow
Ithaca, N.Y.

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Dr Dawson.

Dear Sir,

I have been deeply interested in reading the paper you kindly sent me a few days ago.

It has been commencement week so that I have not been able to answer so promptly as I wished.

You write in regard to the paper that I may "make any use" I please of it.

I fully appreciate your kindness in this offer. But altho, I value the specimens. I sent them to you knowing you could make them of more use to science than was in my power. If you have no other disposition to make of the article, would it not be a good plan to have it read at the meeting of the Am. Association of Science at Cincinnati this summer. I hope

but quite a profuse branch was formed something like
the enclosed cut, My query is whether this specimen be
not the fully opened terminal part of the plant which is
seen in remotion in one of the other specimens.

Then another point which I believe I referred to in a
former letter - the frequent association of "Rhodora" stems
with the "Lycopodites" fronds. - They are ^(each of them) often met
with, without any other plant remains, but as far as my
experience goes "Lycopodites" occurs either without associated
plant, or with "Rhodora" stems. In the latter case there may
be may not be other associated forms. So that to my
mind there seems strong reason for believing that "Lycopodites"
was either parasitic or you suggest as a proper part of the

to attend the meeting, and if you
can be present, I would ^{like} bring on
some of the more interesting specimens
for examination with the reading of the
paper -

If not do, may it not be worth
while to offer it to the Am. Soc. of Bot.
with figures of the stem in veneration,
and perhaps one or two others?

One question, ^{in regard to which} you say nothing, ^{of}
I am interested to learn your conclu-
sions - The stems you refer to Rhodesia
of which the terminal part is plainly
circinate as shown by the specimen in
veneration, are they entirely distinct
from Ptilophyton Thomsoni.

As I remember the specimens there
was one appearing very much like what
you call Rhodesia in its lower part and
rapidly dividing into smaller branchlets
but the first branch bifurcating after
that I do not remember how it splits up

plant represented by the *Procha* stems.

I have a little stem, faint but clear enough to make out a few characters, resembling a *Lepido-dendron* in the arrangement of scars but apparently a terminal part of the stem and rather rapidly diminishing in size toward the extremity, I make a pencil sketch of it (No. 2.)

I should like you to see it some time, but will hold it, now awaiting your decision in regard to the bringing of the specimen before the meeting at Cincinnati - the specimen (No. 2) above referred to is from near the boundary between Hamilton & Chermung.

I feel greatly obliged to you for the information your valued correspondence has given me, and ably regret that your time has been encroached upon. Let your own convenience be consulted first. I will retain the paper. I will retain it or attend to its presentation or publication - as most expedient to you, assuming your suggestion further.

Yours sincerely,
Henry Scudder