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Ithaca, N.Y.

Aug. 30th 1881

Dr. W. Dawson:

Dear Sir:

I have just reached home from the meeting of American Association of Science at Cincinnati. The note you wrote on the Ptilophyton etc, I had the pleasure of presenting before section 10, but was sorry to find only a few paleontologists and scarcely any who were ready to discuss the subject of the paper. So that no light was gained here to help in clearing up the mystery as to the affinities of this singular form.

In your letter of June 22^d you wrote approving of this usage of the paper and say further "If this were done and no other means of

"Permanent publication often, I might
include these plants in a more
general memoir on new American
plants which I hope to prepare next
"winter";

I conclude from this that you
may prefer that the "Note" should not
be published in the proceedings - and
with this idea, instead of sending it
direct to the Secretary I return it
to you. Do that you can do with it as
you will, ~~either~~ I had sent the

drawing a brief abstract of the paper
before the meeting, and will inform
him of the whereabouts of the paper.
I thank you for the payment of
the preliminary note and for the
note to say that any of the material
I have is at your disposal. I would
the pleasure of the memoir you

wrote of. This summer I found another *Rhodra* stem in vernation, and I shall be ~~be~~ deeply interested to know how you finally relate these several forms; and if you separate *Phlophyton Vancouverii* from these *Rhodra* stems what you decide in regard to the Scottish *Phlophyton Thomsoni*?

With sincere regards I am yours,

Henry S. Gwillim

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Williams,
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