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Prof - J. W. Dawson

D. S. M.

I hand you herewith the first two pages of a "Check List" of the Carboniferous and pre Carboniferous fossil plants of America, that I am preparing, to assist in making exchanges. I have inserted such of your Species as I find in the "Acadian Geology" and the "Devonian" "plants of Canada;" and have added such Species as have been discovered in the U.S. since the publication of "The Coal Flora" by Lesq. the beginning of 1880, as far as I am acquainted with them. The arrangement is according to the Classification and nomenclature of the "Coal Flora" so far as more compilation for the purpose would lead. The whole will embrace four to six more pages. If you have the time and are pleased to give me the names of any Species you have described as new, or European Species found, not mentioned in the two works above named, I will insert them either in the body of subsequent pages or in a supplement and be very

thankful. In an explanatory note we will say the column of figures at the right gives the pages of the "Local Flora" where the species will be found described with its synonymy. The letter w. indicates that the species is not in my collection and is wanted. All others I have and those with "e" in numbers to exchange. Having several collectors employed I hope to erase many of the "wants" and increase the number to spare reasonably quick.

Very Respectfully Yrs,  
R. D. Bacon,

Done  
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