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My Dear Dawson

I have been wandering about from place to place studying all the Stigmarae I could lay my hands upon here. I have only been able to unpack your box of specimens a few days back. Many thanks for the same. The fruit of *D. scaphyron* is a curious

little thing - but I am  
somewhat doubtful about  
its Lycopodiaceous affinities.  
Do you feel very certain  
about them? Today I  
have been selecting a  
score of sections of Coal  
plants such as may perhaps  
be additions to your cabinet  
but I am not sure which  
is the best way of sending  
them so I will wait & hear  
from you before doing  
so - I think you are told  
me of some agency by  
which small packages reached

you more safely than by  
the ordinary channels.

You will have seen that  
the Frenchmen have given  
up their notions about Sigil-  
laria - Zeller tells me that  
even Renault has yielded.  
It is a pity that he and  
Saporta & Grand Eury have  
wasted so much Paper & ink  
about a matter that was  
so clear - Zeller still clings  
to the notion of the double  
origin of the folium bundles  
as a characteristic of Sigillaria.  
I am certain that this too is  
a blunder which is probably  
accounted for by what you

will find in a number of  
our proceedings which will  
accompany this note - I have  
got a new Protothechites -  
from the Coal which I am  
just going to describe along  
with some other allied matters.

1111 1111 It is of large size &  
has no median line.

1111 1111 with ~~the~~ pairs of im-  
pression suggestive of

1111 1111 four Claws on each  
side - Each pair with  
3 to 4 inches between -

1111 1111 2 or 3 its neighbours

With loving remembrances  
to Lady & Miss Dawson

I am ever yours. Affectionately

Wm C Williamson