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Dear Sir William Dawson,

many thanks for
the specimen of Stenidia.

I do not think that Bollesfontis
has been worked out by anyone.
Billings did not investigate its
microscopic structure, & I do not
think anyone has done so. I col-
lected some specimens of it in
Esthonia last year, & had them
preserved & worked out thoroughly;

but have not yet had time to
make any sections of them. In
merely looking at them, I should
be inclined to think that they
are Schwindermial - possibly
the spores of some Asteroid or
Schwind. But this is, of course,
a pure conjecture, & nothing save
a careful microscopic examination
would give a clue to their true
nature. When I have time, I
will make slides of some of my
specimens. I shall be very
pleased to see your example,
if you should bring any over

with you -

Believe me
yours very sincerely
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