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Days

Pittston December 20<sup>th</sup> 1889

My Dear Sir

Your postal of 14<sup>th</sup> inst as also the two "Separates" from the Trans. Roy. Soc. Can. have been received. The papuon Sponges is particularly interesting. Some years ago I laid away some Coal Measure specimens that contained long cylindrical fibers, sometimes scattered over the surface and at others clustered as if they had formed the anchoring cable of a silicious sponge, a recent one of which I had then just seen for the first time. When they come to sight again I will examine them with the light of thrown upon the subject by you, Prof. Whitfield & others and if they are as my recollection now pictures them, will submit them to you if you care to see them. It would afford me pleasure to present the Dictyocolamites to P. R. Miss, or to yourself, were it not one of a considerable number of species from the same locality and an important part of my large collection in which the Devonian flora is not too well represented. Had I a duplicate you should have one. When returned let it bear my expense. Thanking you and with best wishes of this happy season, I am  
Yours Truly  
R. D. Saco