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Dear Sir J. W. Dawson,

The copies
of your paper on Fossil Sponges
and on Fossil Plants reached
me in due course, please accept
my best thanks for them. Please
also excuse the delay in acknow-
ledging them, due in part to En-
forced rest after a temporary
illness.

I do not think the duplicates

specimens have reached the British Museum as yet, at all events Dr Woodward did not mention them to me the other day when I saw him.

I think your descriptions of the sponges read very well and there is nothing to which serious objection can be taken. You may perhaps find that others besides myself will be loth to accept your view of the character of the anchoring spicules in P. tetanema; if your interpretation is correct, these anchoring spicules are altogether different from any hitherto known.

It is however difficult to ascertain precisely minute structural points in these specimens, obscured as they are by the pyritization.

I am very glad that you have brought out the notes of these sponges in a permanent form; however incomplete the characters may be they are at least based on the spicular structure of the organism. It is to be hoped that Prof Hall will work out the Devonian Dictyospongia on the same basis.

With best regards and thanks

Believe me to remain

Yours very sincerely

George J. Hyde.

P.S. Jan 21st 18. At Brit. Mus. I find
that the sponges you kindly
sent have been received safely.
I will look them over at an early
opportunity G. J. H.