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written by me

Dear Mrs. P

Thank you for the letter of the 10th. I am glad to hear that you are all well. I have been thinking of you very much lately. I hope you are all happy and content. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking of you very much lately. I hope you are all happy and content. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

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Sir William Dawson

My Dear Sir

Please accept my thanks for your kind favor of the 29 ultimo. Also for the very valuable Memo on the msp. of Protosalvinia from our New Lake Sound. I do not think that I can get done with the material from this source. and may get seen some more valuable <sup>or</sup> satisfactory things. You refer to the very large forms as but few in number. This is only by comparison with the large mass. of others. but there are great numbers of these large spores and they are quite uniform.

The Memorandum that I read to our Academy when I showed them under the microscope a friend's slip of which I think I sent to you stated that a collection taken from <sup>the tub</sup> about a mile from shore (some months after the spores & quills and had been pumped into the out of the shore shaft) was mostly of the peculiarly perfect and beautiful P. Chicagovensis. these large spores and the smaller black center & old gold edge ones. It was these spores all of them that persisted in remaining at the top of the beaker and I presume that it was because they contained some oily substance that caused them to float. As these two sp. P. humensis & P. Chicagovensis must presumably have been flattened at about the same period of their history. I do not understand why ~~the~~ if of the same sp. so large a fragment of the first are split open & broken in the process while a ruptured P. Chicagovensis is very rare & the last are new.

Now will you pardon me if I demand to the name you suggest for this fine large sp. It is in my list for identification on slides - as P. robusta. but I do not like the name as well as another. I know of no name so appropriate <sup>or</sup> name so fully entitled to the honor - or that would reflect so much honor on the plant - as the name of the man who has worked so faithfully & intelligently to develop it. and with your kind permission it shall "Protosalvinia Dawsonii". So let it be.

Yours truly  
B.W. Thwaites