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Dear Sir William

The specimens of Zephyritis minias,
and Cyathophyllum Billingsi and your letter
of May 26th reached me yesterday. Thank you so
much. I shall take care of the corals and return
them as soon as possible.

With reference to the two sponges
labelled Esperella Gaspensis and Esperopsis
Quatzenensis singularis. I had intended using
the name Gaspensis but changed it to modesta
under which name the species is described. I
save the name singularis to a specimen that I made
out later to be the same as Esperopsis Quatzenen-
sis from the Pacific coast; the Redpath Museum
specimen I thought might have been collected by
Dr George Dawson and by mistake placed with some
of your Atlantic sponges. On the whole I thought it
best not to include it in my paper on Atlantic
forms and had intended removing the label E.
singularis from the specimen before returning it.
On January 10th 1894 I returned as far as I am

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I am aware all the Atlantic sponges belonging to the
Redpath Museum. This morning I looked over
all our material in case I had made a mistake
and had neglected to send back the Sophor, but
although there are specimens from the Pacific coast
of Dr. George Dawson's collecting I can see none from
the Atlantic. I remember your specimen quite well,
it was in a small pill box and consists of a num-
ber of small, dry fragments. It is a very fragile
sponge when dry, crumbling readily and is of a dark
brown colour, almost black.

I had thought of asking you if you would
review my work on Atlantic and Pacific sponges but
was deterred from doing so from knowing how busy
you are and how little spare time is at your dis-
posal. No critical remarks on my papers on Canadian
sponges have appeared in any of the scientific journals
in this country, principally I suppose because of the
dearth of men who have studied sponges to any great
extent. If you could spare the time a short review of
my papers on this group would be appreciated by the
scientific public at large and by me in particular &
would give my work a status that otherwise it would
not have. I hope I am not asking too much but you
have made a life long study of our sponges both fossil &
recent and can speak with authority. Yours sincerely
Lawrence M. Lambe.

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