



24 VICTORIA PLACE,  
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M. Kidston  
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Dear Sir William -

My absence on the Continent for 6 weeks has prevented me from answering your kind letter of post card & from acknowledging the specimens - I am sorry that in prospect of my going to the meeting of the Brit. Assoc. in Canada this year - If for no other cause, my absence this year already, makes it impossible to leave again for so long a period as attending the Brit. Ass. Meeting would necessitate. I thank you however for your very kind invitation to visit you in Canada & had I then going out would have been very glad to have availed myself of it.

In regard to Mr Reid's remarks to you  
about my thinking you had picked  
up your views as to the Rhizocarpic  
nature of Porka. I cannot con-  
-ceive how he got this idea into  
his mind - I have had no com-  
-munication with him for 2  
years I should think & at no  
time ever suggested the thought as  
I knew too well to the contrary.

I must ask Reid when I see him  
how he fancied such things -  
I am very much obliged to you for  
the specimens & shall have the  
Sigillaria cut as soon as I may  
con undertake the work.

At an early date, I hope to exam-  
-ine the slides sent when I shall  
<sup>return them and</sup> write more fully but I have not  
had time to look at them since  
my return - When from home  
I had no letters sent me & have not  
yet succeeded in replying to all I found  
waiting my arrival.

I hope you keep well - With kinde-  
-est regards, in which my sisters unite,  
I remain  
Yours truly  
R. Whiston.