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Montreal, Canada.

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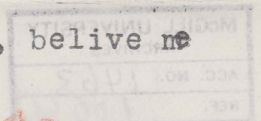
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The sponges from Little Metis in regard to which you inquire and which were loaned by you for study are safe and can be returned to you soon. They were never studied by Professor Hall but have been of no slight service in preparing the memoir on the Dictyospongidae which will, I trust, be printed without delay. The preparation of this work, as you are doubtless aware, was placed in my hands and though Prof. Hall maintained to the last a lively interest in the subject and took much pride in its completion, he was too much engrossed to acquaint himself with the details of it. It was however his conception, and his influence made the achievement possible and it will, I trust not detract from the honors he has won in palaeontology.

With sincerest wishes for your improvement in health, believe me

Very truly yours

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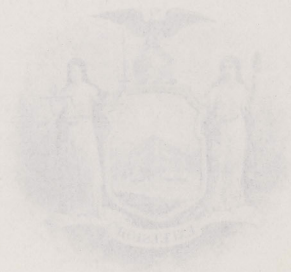




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