

Ithaca N.Y.  
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Dear Sir:

In regard to the points  
you enquire about in your card  
of 9<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> - after the reading of  
Prof Ostrom's paper I remarked  
that I had seen similar brown  
spots in the Geneva shale of  
New York, but had never examined  
far enough to determine the structure.  
I send a specimen labeled #604, 2<sup>d</sup>  
back side of slab.

Then, when the discussion, as  
to the true nature of Lycopodium or  
(Phlophytes) arose, I mentioned  
having observed minute granular  
objects attached, in several cases,  
to the primordia of L. Vanuxemi,  
from Ithaca shale. - I was unable  
to determine what they were, whether  
traces of seed, or spore cases or  
animal cells. These may help  
to determine the animal or vegetable

of these fossils, and you may  
determine them to be parasitic,  
I have rather inclined to the latter  
view upon later examination -

But - I will pack up the few  
specimens of this nature in my  
cabinet, and send for you to examine  
for yourself.

I think I spoke to you also of  
some aggregations of minute oval  
grains, in Sandstone, which resembled  
the "egg" of trilobites figured by Walcott.  
Then, I fail to find - and <sup>they</sup> will not  
be likely to throw light on your studies.

With sincere regards  
yours  
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