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Dear J. W. Dawson

Dear Sir: I am in receipt
of your favor of the 30th ult. with
the enclosed singulars for which
I am greatly obliged -

I have not yet made a careful
comparison of them, but will be pleased
to give you the results of my studies.

I sent you yesterday a little abstract
of some studies of a small group of
Spirifers, represented in the Portage gfp.
by S. losio. It is but a straw, but may
be a fair example of the direction the
palaeontological evidence will go when
thoroughly tested, as Barrand has man-
fully illustrated -

May I express - my dear sir my sincere
esteem for the one scientific man of reputation
in America
who has earned the name of not having
bowed the knee to the idol of evolution.
My worship too finds a higher object -

Sincerely Henry S. Williams

Have you good specimens of your Cycloporites & the plant remains associated? I am sure you some if you wish.

Williams
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