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Prof. J. W. Dawson

Dear Sir

Your note and the remarks on *Uphantæmia* came to hand this A. M. I shall try to get them with some remarks of my own in the next number of the Journal after June - There is one thing, which if you still have the specimen I wish you would examine again. In the notes sent you say "The spicules of the transverse bands cross those of the longitudinal ones in the manner of an ordinary textile fabric, passing in and out among them, as if woven across without any organic ~~connection~~ ^{connection}" This feature I cannot see on the specimen here

all the threads of one band seem to pass
all of those of another band on the same
side, not passing in and out among them.
Or those passing in one direction are laid
on on one side, and those passing in the
opposite direction, laid on from the other
side. This is also the case in *Euplectella*
no organic connection taking place, only
a glass-like cement uniting the fibers.

I think this is an important feature
in their structure and also one bearing
on their affinity. If you will be
kind enough to let me know your further
determination in this regard, it will be
an additional favor added to the
great obligation for you so kindly
offered aid in this matter.

Yours very truly

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