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Sir William Dawson,

My Dear Sir

Your favor of the 15th instant just at hand. I supposed that you would retain the slides until further advised and wish that you had done so. I do not intend to use them in any other connection & wish to have my work used in these investigations of sufficient value - so that end I selected and sent to you some of the most characteristic slides and material and meant just what I said when I requested you to select and retain any or all that was of value or interest for present use or future reference - I will with pleasure return the package to you for that purpose including those marked "Cabinet" but my cabinet they would cease to be of scientific value - except as illustrations of your paper - and except one slide - I have good mounts for that purpose.

The paper and drawings were duly read and President Andrews and myself have read it over with care and great pleasure - and are fully satisfied with it - Dr Andrews says it must be published as a Bulletin. It did not reach us in time for the June 15 Meeting - not having time to study and prepare illustrations to properly present it - so we were obliged to pass it over to May 10 - I shall request my good friend Dr Johnson to read it - as he is better posted in this business than I am - & I will attend to its proper illustration - by microscope & samples - I do not notice anything that need be changed before reading - but may suggest two or three things before it is published as a Bulletin - and

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that you will have opportunity to accept
or decline when reading and comparing
the proof.

I intend to get it in type as
soon as possible and we may possibly
read the paper from the printed page—
and then send to you for proof reading—

I send w/ report of a paper by
Mr Stone on our Artesian Wells— that may
possibly be of interest—

Most truly Yours
B. W. Thomas

Please retain the Keinsch slides as long
as you wish. or keep them as I have
no ^{use} use for them here. I have his
illustrated book on fossils in Coal that
I will send to you if you have not
got it and would like to see it. While
of much interest it may not be very good
authorities— but Keinsch is an old friend
of mine— and was the first to tell me
that the Macrospores were reptiles— for
some time I regarded them as Rhizopods
or something of that kind and Dr Joseph
Lindy agreed with me but could not find
on them the peculiar diagonal rhizoid markings
the package not yet at hand— D.

