

The Academy
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Principal Sir W. Dawson 3rd Sept^r 1886.

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Dear Sir

Your excellent address
on the Laurentian gneiss induced
me to trouble you with the
accompanying specimens, both
indicating as deep-seated an
origin as the Lewisian gneiss of
the upper division at any rate for
the source of these hydrocarbons
- the Albertite as you know of
course, nearly a pure hydrocarbon,
and the siliceous schist deeply
stained with some form of hydrocarbon.

The schist is found at the head
of Loch Shell. Islands of Lewis.
interstratified with argillaceous
schist - an altered form of which
schist I take it to be. I found
it in huge blocks or sheets
dipping at a low angle to N.

That "Albertite" had been
known to be found ^{here} in gneiss
for the last 50 years. I learn
from a paper read by Witham
in 1825 before the Wernerian
Society.

How could these hydro-
carbons have survived the
metamorphic agencies as commonly
understood?

Faithfully yours
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