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Sir William Dawson

My Dear Sir

Having given you long rest - I venture to send a few specimens of blue shale just received from my friend Prof Edward Bots - that may be of some interest - as I think they show the Sporocarpia with the enclosed Sporangia &c. very clearly and fully establish the correctness of your view in regard to them.

I send very nearly all that I received only reserving a few small fragments that I am treating with Hydrofluoric acid to remove the shale and free the vegetable - and if I get any thing of value will at once send it.

I have marked one piece "Cabint" on which I have located with pencil marks what appears to be a very good Sporocarpia & Sporangia.

I send these to you as the proper person to continue this investigation and may I repeat that if you find them of sufficient value you will favor our "Academy of Sciences" with a short notice of them - in continuation of the very valuable paper with which you before favored us - Please accept the specimens - but if you kindly favor our Academy as requested I would like to show the Cabint piece when your paper is read -

Very Truly Yours

W. M. Thomas

others - may also be at work on these Sporocarpia?

