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Dear Sir William Dawson

Your valuable contributions
on the Fossil Sponges, and recent
has come to hand. for which I
thank you much. Your, and others
discoveries, in your great country, are
adding link after link to that
chain that binds more closely
the deep past to the present.

The discovery of their forms, and spic-
ules in position is most interis-
ting, and contributes largely to their
interest, the descriptions of which
I have read with care,

I hope soon to be able to send
a paper on the Genus *Compophylax*.
this group has had my attention
for many years, Helen Edwards

in his work on the Fossil Corals
describes one species. He however
suggests that such forms as *Cyatho-*
phyllum parvicornis McCoy ought
to be included in the former genus,
an opinion I after many years
careful work cordially endorse,
and am therefore, not only, including
that species, but a number more
in the genus. It will be a short
time before I am able to send it,
but when ready will do myself
the pleasure.

Wishing you the compliments
of the season, and many returns,

Yours truly
James Thomson

To

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