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Dear Sir William,

My colleague Mr.
Andrews has left for
the exploration of a remote
island in the Indian Ocean
and is not due to return
until early next year; so
that we have not been able
to deliver to him your very

kind letter of May 13th.
just received. Unfortunately
he had not time to deal
with your specimens before
he left, and he asked me
to make a report upon them;
but I, too, have been
away much since you were
here last summer, and they
have remained hitherto neglected.
I am glad to hear that
there is still a prospect of
obtaining more material. I

wish it were not quite so
fragmentary. I am much
absorbed in a new book at
present, so have not much
leisure; but as soon as
possible I will try to
understand the little animals.

I much regret I cannot
have the pleasure of coming
to Canada again this year;
Dr. Woodward tells me his
coming is also uncertain.

With kind regards, and
many thanks on behalf of my
colleague,

Yours Sincerely,
A. Smith Woodward

Sir J. William Dawson, K.C.M.G.

A Small Woodcock
May 1917

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