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washington, D. c. January 10, 1898.

Sir J. W. Dawson, #293 University Street, Montreal, Canada.

My dear Sir:-

I return by this mail the fossil cycad you were so good as to loan me, and by way of usury I send you two photographs that I have had taken of it, the one external, the other internal. They are artistic platinum prints and I think you will be pleased with them.

I regret very much that I could not get these views taken sooner, that has been the cause of the delay. I got back from the field near the first of November and put in my requisition soon after my return. I have done everything I could to hurry it up, but there has been such a demand upon the photographer that I could not get them sooner.

The specimen has been of great interest to me and I thank you very much for the loan of it.

Very respectfully yours,

Lester F. Ward

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