

resemblance ^{to} ~~only~~ the larger straps
to the stems of the opposite branching
forms has suggested that they were the
large stems of the latter.

I have put in one slab with several
pieces broken from its surface, for
you to break up and develop as
you will. There are specimens of
the dichotomous, as well as the opposite
branching form.)

But the specimens will say more
to you than I can. I hope you
will find them as interesting as
I anticipate.

I have enclosed some one specimen
of Lycopodium. showing the branching
of the primary part of the frond. This
is only rarely seen, I have but two
or three specimens, of which I am
satisfied that the branching is not in

appearances only -

I send a rough sketch of the manner in which I suppose the various forms are related. However, your eyes will be more sure than mine, and I send it ~~there~~ to show the result of my study, and if I see wrong, I wish you would point out where my imagination has gone - the letters of my observation.

There may be something in the material worthy of publication and illustration, and I am sure you can elaborate the facts far better than I can; and as it was your suggestion that sharpened my eyes to find the specimens, it is but right that you should bring the facts before the public.

Nevertheless, if I may be entitled to any credit in the matter, it would ^{be} of some

value to me, since I still have a name
to make among scientific workers - and if
you will be kind enough to mention
my part in the discovery, I have no objection
to your working out the results, I think
I am not consulted or invaded in this
request.

Keep the specimens as long as
you wish, (I hardly want to part
with ^{entirely} them at present) and will
thank you to return them when done
with. If some of the specimens
seem worthy of figuring, please advise
me in regard to expense if you wish
me to share it with you.

I should be pleased to hear from you
when you have looked over the
material.

Sincerely yours
Henry Swillman