

NOTE TO SIR W. DAWSON'S PAPER.

While this paper was in the press, two specimens of some interest, collected by Dr. Newcombe, of Victoria, at Comox, B. C., were kindly communicated to the author by Mr. Whiteaves, F.G.S.

One is a cylindrical stem, slightly flattened, and rather more than an inch in its larger diameter. It shows the woody axis of a small exogenous stem or branch, with indications of a slender central pith and about twelve annual rings of growth. The tissue consists of prosenchyma, with numerous short medullary rays. The minute structure of the woody fibres is somewhat obscure, but it is possible to detect one row of large discs with oblique slit-pores. This structure is similar to that of *Salisburia*, and it is not impossible that this may be the wood of *S. pusilla* of the above paper.

The second is a rounded, oval fruit, about 27 mm. in diameter. The outer coat is smooth, except some wrinkles near the basal end, which shows the remains of a stout peduncle. There is a thin outer membrane, and where the specimen is broken the remains of a second or inner membrane can be seen, but the intervening and interior structures have disappeared. It is probably a cycadaceous fruit, and resembles that described by Heer in the "Flora Arctica" as *Nitssmia Janstrupi*. It may be referred to the provisional genus *Cycadeocarpum*, and named *C. Newcombi*.