

a specimen yourself -
I have not met with a single
British Desmidia yet but will
still look out! The new book
I find is expensive 3/6? as the
most of those kind of works -
Mr. Osborn & Mr. Savoury are trying
for North^{lon} - I have not heard
of any other - The salary is to
be a 100£ - it was 80£ before
and the age to be 24 -

I am 24 in March - I am sure
it would be no use attempting
yet - If I had been a year earlier
or that a year later ~~that matter~~
perhaps would have been diff^t.
I shall always be satisfied that I
have done for the best as far as can
be at the present - The only desire
will be to the same class again -
Hoping you are well with love
to all believe me Dr. Off. Stephens
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My dear Uncle

I hope you will
excuse the delay in having
your interesting specimens,
of probably human remains
sent in the papers, examined
My friend writes thus concerning
the examination of No. 1 -
[There are small dark brown
lumps, agglutinated, which seem
like matter that has been once
soft] When a small rodent
of this brown matter was heated
on a platinum spatula, it
blackened & an odour of burnt
feathers was exhaled, the

same matter when treated by
boiling with Caustic Potash
gave off Ammonia.

After heating the same brown
matter in a little water in a
test ^{tube}, it exhibited under the
microscope portions of
amorphous matter of a yellow
or brownish colour & other
reddish particles - with numerous
spherical nucleated cells &
round granular cells both
attached to this material
& isolated - also numerous
granules &c -

Several Diatomaceous frustules
& woody fibres were also
visible - From all these facts
& from the general appearance

of these nodules we are warranted
in concluding that the earths
contain a very perceptible
amount of animal matter..

I have just been examining
the two specimens again with
the microscope & find that
No. 2. does not answer so
well to the description as No. 1.
not presenting so many of the
appearances as the latter but
undoubtedly the same kind of stuff.
From what is seen in No. 1.
There is probably the remains of
vegetable as well as animal
matter. I wanted to send
you a little drawing of what we
have seen but I have not time
just now & I think you will
perhaps some time soon look at