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Dear Sir:

Thanks for the additional information about your work on carbonaceous chondrites as contained in your letter of July 17.

I still cannot think you are missing too much by not having samples of the two we happen to possess. Science in general and meteoritics in particular need not advance as rapidly as they have been in the past decade or so. There is time, and we need not do everything at once.

While I have no doubt there are many shades of variations in even the Class II C.C. I don't imagine Bells and Crescent are too much different from others you have and will examine so that I can't think you are hurt a great deal.

At present I think I prefer to keep these two beautiful little pieces intact. You can hardly imagine the long background of dreaming and work that went into their acquisition!

Sincerely,

*Paul M. Herndon*