



Nicholson
St. Andrews
Sept. 10th 78

Dear Principal Dawson,

Many thanks for
your card of Aug. 30th. The
paper on Stimulopora by Kinnie
& myself is now printed, & either
is actually published or will be
immediately. I expect extra copies
every day, & had fully intended
to send you one when they come
to hand. I do not think the di-
vergence between your views &
those entertained by us at all a
fundamental one. We like your-
self regard the Stimuloporidae
as Rhizopodal, & it is simply

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Mr. Anderson
St. Andrews
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Dear Sir,
I have the pleasure to
inform you that the
papers in connection with
a project in your field & which
is actually published & will be
immediately. Perfect to the
very day a book fully intended
to send you one when they come
to hand. You will think the
reference between your name &
the contents of an article
fundamental one. The paper
will regard the historical
as distinguished. It is simply

a question whether they should
be among the Foraminifera or the
Spongiola. Upon the whole we think
it best to raise them to the rank
of a distinct group, & to place
them near the Calcaspongione;
but we do not regard our con-
clusion as final, & hope that the
chief value of our paper will be
quite independent of our views
on this point. On the other hand,
I at any rate, see no possibility
of reconciling my present views
with those entertained by Mr.
Carter. I mean he is to controvert
our paper shortly, but I am not
disposed to enter into any con-
troversy with him. Our paper
was in reality written

than eighteen months ago, & has
been most unfortunately de-
layed in appearing. This sum-
mer I have visited "Siluria",
Devonshire, & the Eifel, & have
obtained a vast mass of new
material bearing upon this
subject. When I have had time
to fully work over this with the
microscope, I shall probably
take up the subject again, & may
modify my present opinions
more or less. In the meanwhile
my hands are too full with other
work. If I have not before thanked
you for kindly sending me a copy
of the Supplement to the "Geological
Magazine", allow me to do so now
with kind regards
yours very sincerely
H. Alleyne Nichol Esq