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Dear Sir William

Many thanks
for your letter of December 12th.
I have been in town
late, and have had a
good deal of talk with
several people about E-
-zoon. Prof. Huxley thinks
that it would be as well
for me not to undertake it.

Should (as I expect would be
the case) I end by convincing
myself that it is organic
he thinks the Scientific public
would not accept the result,
as I should, so to speak, be
holding a brief; and he
says it had better be done
by some one unconnected
with my father. whose decision
would therefore be a more
unbiassed one. I suggested
Richardson to him & he thought

the idea a good one. I have
seen Nicholson himself this
week and he quite believes
Eozoon is a fossil, which Hinde
does not. He has also
quite picked up the Sponge
affinities of Stromatopora &
regards it as a Hydrocoralline.

He has an enormous
number of Photographs of
microscopical sections and
from what he has told me
of the structures he has
discovered I have a very

strong suspicion that he is
right. He tells me that he
can parallel the chambers
& canal system of Eozoon,
though not the Nummuline
wall. You know perhaps
that Carter & Sollas have
already suggested the
Hydractinian nature of
Stromatopora - and you
will get Nicholson's proofs
of it in the next volume
of the Palaeontographical,



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which will be out in a few weeks. He is a man of enormous energy, and comparatively young; while Prof. Rupert Jones has failed very much of late years & would I am sure shrink from coping with the amount of work involved.

A new paper on the

Subject has appeared by
one Max Hauer. I have got
the Text but not the plates
which are very expensive;
and as far as I can make
out - it is very much
Möbius over again -

My mother desires me
to give you her very kind
regards and to say that
she will write to you as
soon as she can; but her
correspondence debts are

Very heavy just now. We
shall send you in a
day or two a reprint
of some of the press notices
of my father's life & work.

Believe me to remain

Ever yours very truly

P. Herbert Carpenter.

Das Eozoon Canadense.

Eine micrögeologische Studie

Von
Max Hauer.

mit 18 Tafeln in Mappe

Leipzig
Otto Wigand.

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