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My dear Mr William Oduson

Your letter reached me
this morning. The selection of
the candidates has taken place
but I am very sorry that I have
not this time the pleasure
of congratulating you. The fact
is that there were more candidates
than could go through the process.
Two geologists and a half were
elected. The two - Huxley and
Sollas had both been up for
some time - Huxley last year
and some years back. Sollas
for I think four years. But
I should think that next
* the half was Fletcher - Britton & Co

your own son is almost certain
to come in. Hende is about the
only strong candidate now in
the list, though others may
come forward. He copies all
around of the detailed statement
but I am doubtful of the wisdom
of putting them in the hands of
any but intimate friends - he
does not do it seem to canvas.

I am glad to hear that, notwithstanding your laborious
official duties, some scientific
work is being done by you.
The sponge found is likely to
be very interesting on account
of the antiquity of the

departs -

I also have been so impeded
with the various calls on my time
that I have got little done this
year - just a scrap or two
of a paper and writing an
appendix to Darwin's Coral
Reefs represents everything
done since October except
paring my alpine papers
(of which I have not yet had
time to distribute the copies,
through the press and writing
one on Central metamorphism
which I hope to read shortly.
What with lectures, committees,

and 'pot-boiling' work I get
hardly any free time -
Last week however I spent a few
days in Charnwood and had
come back not much wiser than
I went - The volcanics of that
region are the queerest I have
seen - It was however a pleasant
change from desk work - I am
glad to hear you are all well -
How I wish I could get across the
Atlantic again - My sister
has not been very well this year - I
am sorry to say - She is now in
the country where I start in
an hour - or she would join me
to kind regards to yourself Lady
Dawson and your circle
Sincerely yours
T. G. Bonney