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Montreal.

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Dear Dr. Huxley,

I now enclose
photograph of the large
sponge of which I wrote
a short time ago. The
photo is not quite sure, and
the specimen was touched
with white to bring it out,
so that the details cannot
be relied on. Forgive these
I send, by parcel post, a
fragment of the slab
on which the sponges can
be plainly seen, especially

foundered is of coarser
texture and probably
distinct. The present
specimen therefore, if it
cannot be referred to
Spalotetia, may have
a new generic name. *

I may add that
I could not get out any
more of the specimen, but
the portion I have is prob-
ably about half of it,
if it was of rounded,
form, less if it was oval
or cylindrical.

The spicules are all

* and as before stated I should be glad to
dedicate the species to you

Copy to
Huddle

very fine, but scattered
on the same surface
are corner wot spicules
which may have be-
longed to this species.

A small round dense
spot on one part of the
surface, may be a young
specimen of Protospugia
mononema, accidentally lying on the slab.

This sponge seems to me
different from anything else
I know recent or fossil.
It resembles the larger Dictyo-
spongiae (Uphantocema or) in the
arrangement of its parts,
and has some of the
features of an exaggerated

Euplectella a *Holascus*; but
there are only vague cor-
relations.

If you would like
to name and describe
it I have no objection;
but would like that
it should go with
other sponges I have
found and which
throw light on the species
previously discovered and
described from *S. Mets.*

I may further say
that the new specimens,
many of which are very
fine, confirm the validity

of the species described in
my paper in the Trans.
R.S.C., and I shall
hope soon to send
you some of the best.

Lastly, if you would
think it well to publish
a preliminary notice of this
find in Nature in the
"Seal. Mag.", I have
no objections.

I shall be glad to hear
from you on the subject
soon.

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Truly yours

J. M. Dawson

I wish to exhibit all my collections of sponges
to the Seal Socy of Chichester which is to meet
in Ottawa in December.