

Creston
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Professor J. W. Dawson

Dear Sir!

After having spent nearly four, very interesting years in North-America, I have lately returned to Germany.

Now I am at work to compare my notes and the observations of American authors and to unite them ⁱⁿ to a paper.

"On the eozyic formations of North-America"

I am sorry to see that most, or at least many of the German Geologists and Palaeontologists do not believe in the organic nature of Eozoon Canadense.

The reason is that they have not had an opportunity of seeing and studying good specimens of the Canadian Eozoon. The Bavarian Eozoon does not show its organic structure as clearly and distinctly as the Canadian. Even some English Palaeontologists, so Mr. Oldham, who lately travelled in Germany and have had ample opportunity to see & study good specimens of Eozoon, ^{told them} ~~said~~ they did not believe in its organic nature.

Now it is my sincerest wish, to satisfy the doubting palaeontologists of this country ^{on?} of what I believe myself without a shadow of doubt: that your Eozoon is the remain of an animal, that it has organic structure.

But this is impossible without

your help. I therefore address myself respectfully to you, requesting you, to send me a small specimen and one or a few slices of *Eozoon Canadense* for microscopical examination, which show distinctly the structure of this creature. I should like to lend them for examination to a number of palaeontologists, who already addressed themselves to me and are anxious to get satisfied of the nature of *Eozoon*. Besides that I should like to show and explain the specimens at the meetings of several scientific associations.

In exchange I shall take the liberty to send you a set of German Cretaceous and Jurassic, - or if you prefer Triassic fossils. If you should wish certain species, or fossils from a certain geological zone, please let me

Know it, I shall try to get them
for you.

By kindly satisfying my
wishes you will oblige my
friends and myself very much.

I remain
very respectfully
Your obt^d serv^t

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