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Dear Mr. Carpenter,

I have just received yours of the 3d inst, and must say I do not feel the force of the objection you state to the above work. If you are to continue the work for a friend a relation because he may be suspected of being an interested party, or if sweethearts were to be supposed to work



I am rather amused  
to find that he has given  
up the sponge theory of  
Stromatopora which I  
never believed in; but  
after comparison of a  
great many slices I have  
specially failed to see any  
affinity to Hydroids. My col<sub>2</sub>  
lectors of Stromatopora is I  
fancy the finest extant as  
I have been employing col<sub>2</sub>  
lectors making exchanges  
in all parts of America  
for the last 20 years and

have a very large number  
of slices of the best preserved  
specimens which are much  
better than those I have  
seen in Europe. My later  
conclusion has been that  
there are different types  
of Stromatoporidae, some of  
which may be Hydroids.  
but most are Rotatoria  
of perhaps various genera  
& having special peculiarities  
which separate them as  
the one band from Eozoa  
and as the other from  
the more modern Forams.

The question of publication,  
 from further I think hoped  
 I do this through the Royal  
 Society, but now it may be  
 now I do not know.

If I can do anything to aid  
 I shall be happy to do so,  
 either by influence or contribution,  
 though my resources are now  
 pretty nearly taxed in pub-  
 lishing other fields I am  
 working at.

Prof. R. Jones prepared for  
 me some time ago a bibliography  
 of heron, which I placed in your  
 father's hands <sup>with Jones's concurrence.</sup> I suppose he will  
 have no objection that it be  
 transferred to you & Nicholson.  
 I had seen a notice

of Mrs. Hauser's Memoir and  
have ordered it as I make  
it a point to have all  
the European literature that  
can be got, but I have  
not yet received it.

I send with this  
a short notice of your  
Journal which appeared  
in our Canadian Review.

With all kind  
regards and good wishes,

Yours sincerely

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