Schizoporellopsis abnormis

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Schizoporellopsis, nov. gen.

Zooecia of two forms in longitudinal series. Upper zooecium elongate; thyrostome subcircular; sinus in lower lip. Lower zooecium oval; thyrostome semicircular, no sinus in lower lip.

Schizoporellopsis abnormis, n. sp. (Pl. II, Fig. 13).

Upper Zooecium elongate, front granular, perceptibly convex over a large oval area below the thyrostome; margin thickened, extending upwards to the middle only of the thyrostome .. thyrostome subcircular with a sinus in the lower lip; peristome thin, raised. Lower zooecium oval, somewhat pointed below - margin thick; central area depressed; surface granular, with a small circular area, slightly elevated in the lower part; thyrostome arched above, straight below, without any sinus.

Locality - Muddy Creek. (T. S. Hall).

This is a very puzzling form, as it consists of two zooecia which, if separate, would be relegated to different genera, or, indeed, families. I have examined it most carefully; there is no doubt as to the continuity of the cell walls, and the zooecia are in the same plane, not one superposed upon the other. I have found only the specimen figured. It apparently forms a connecting link of a very peculiar nature between the families of Schizoporellidae and Microporidae.

