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My dear Sir

I take pleasure in sending
you copies of my papers on the
Helwan implements read in London
& Cambridge

In view of your intention to sum
up the facts & inferences in your
concluding article I think I will not
trouble the Editor with any notes
of my own, but will leave you to
make any use of my first letter
that you please. You know the
ground however better than I do
& I dare say the suggestion it contained

had already occurred to you.

I examined the clays & gravels you mention near Helwan at several places but could only find fragments of silicified wood like those on the higher plateau near Cairo & which had probably been washed down from the hills. I give a section of these beds in the paper read at Cambridge p. 129. More extended search might result in the discovery of shells

What struck me more than anything else in the geology of the neighbourhood were the magnificent valleys & gorges among the hills east of Helwan, their excavation is so clearly due to the action of running water & yet it is seldom

that a drop is to be found in them
and as you look down into their depths
perfect silence & stillness reigns where
you expect to see the ripple & glance
of running water. I communicated
a note on one of these valleys & a cirque
-like hollow near it to the Geol. Mag.
(1878 I think). If explored & described
by a competent geologist they would
furnish some excellent examples of
erosion, due I take it to sudden &
heavy downfalls of rain occurring now
& again & acting on a surface broken
up & disintegrated by the sun's heat

Believe me to remain

very truly yours

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