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My dear Father,

I return herewith letter from Forbes.  
I have no time to take up the subject, which  
would require looking up a lot of water published  
since 1874, when you may remember I wrote an  
article on the fluctuations of the tides in relation  
to solar periods in Nature Vol. IX. p. 504.  
I think the gentleman who writes to you confuses  
two things entirely different — old geological changes  
in level of lakes, ~~as a result~~ & modern fluctuations  
dependent on meteorological cycles. I should  
not suppose the latter to be at all in Spencer's  
line & a rambling account by him of  
~~some~~ theories of former subsidence &  
theories of level etc. would wear nothing  
to the purpose. Personally I have my little  
appreciation of Spencer's or his work.  
The subject to be treated ably well should

be handled by some Antiquary in  
connection with recent acquisitions of  
highly colored by U.S. Court Survey.

Yours  
Serge

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