& them - Mrs. Jaspin will be sorry to learn that my wife has been for nearly a year an invalid, confined & her couch (though not to bed) & though I trust a little better, is making very slow progress towards recovery. We both cherish a very warm & bright recollection of our little home at Poole, but, year by year, my old friends are dropping off - I trust that the "Geological

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My dear Sir

I am trying to settle accounts with the old year & took courage to drink a sluggish into the deepest shelter of my unanswered letters, piled one upon other — pleistocene & eocene — among them is one which has met my eye times innumerable, each time with a growing pang of conscience & (& fear) a fainter purpose

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& reply to it - Because you have forgotten it, I will not remind you of the date - But it accompanied a number of the "Zoological Museum", Mrs. Tuppin's kind remembrance, & the only news I have heard of her & of my quondam little friend "Cupy" - I grieve much at my neglect, the only reason of which has been the daily

pressure of duties & miscellaneous that it is very hard to systematize them, & sometimes, I fear, some of the weightiness sink to the bottom & the constant current flows over them, though they do not cease to look up through the depth - I should be very glad to have news both of Mrs. Tuppin & of her daughter, & I thank you very kind remembrances forwarded