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Elgin 12 May 1860

My Dear Sir

I did not think my notice of the Morayshire Sandstone of sufficient importance to be sent to the Geological Society else I would have forwarded a copy ere now sent.—

An awkward confusion of terms has perplexed the subject at present.— The Sandstone of Moray is not the Sandstone of England — nor is an impure clayey Limestone pro: bably at the base of the Carboniferous System — the Sandstone of England as I understand it is called, here the Grey bed of the O. R. S. and is decidedly fish bearing—

I am amused just now with an unhappy rivalry between Professor Owen and Huxley - some six months since I got at Lyell's mouth what appeared to me to be a serrated Lemur tooth which I immediately forwarded for P. Owen's inspection and got a statement from him (no mean authority) that it was Hucodont - soon afterwards a friend of mine got from the same quarry a tooth serrated but not on the enamel but by an accidental fracture of the dentine - this he sent to Prof. Huxley and although I have made several attempts to get them placed in conjunction for comparison I have failed - can you be a days - mean to get the mystery resolved. My friend's tooth is evidently of Stagnolepis and he does not dispute it but is as anxious as I am to get it fairly and decidedly tested. -

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My Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

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