

Letter to J. Dyke, Date Unknown

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Rev^d J. Dyke
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Please accept my hearty thanks for your sketch of the locality where you are stationed There are many interesting questions connected with it & every other part of the country & which if our other duties would allow one would have much pleasure in investigating. How different from what it once was & How pleasant when noble rivers everywhere rolled on their waters to the sea or inland lakes Last year I followed the course of one for nearly 40 miles It must have been a spacious river & at the point of junction with a lake I discovered what might have been expected, a mou[...][nd] [...][of] fluvial deposit, consisting of Tuff [...] well consolidated & containing a heap of fossils in a beautiful state of preservation They were standing out on the face of the rock in relief & the teeth of the animal (apparently a kind of large antelope) were so perfect one could hardly conceive they were ~~hon~~ stone The radiated structure of the enamel was quite & apparent when broken & the little orifice for the transmission of the nerve & blood vessels was perfectly patent & even the tartar on the outside which in ^ herbivorous animals is usually dark coloured was as natural as in the recent subjects. Mr & Mrs Leinne's affectionate regards to you &c
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