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My dear Sir,

Allow me to thank you for
your note which accompanied
my M.S.

I could not of course have
expected from one so fully occupied
as yourself more than the passing
allusion to my argument and
to the inability naturally felt by
you to coincide in the views I had
ventured to express. Although
I must confess it would have
afforded me pleasure if one so
fully competent as yourself
had at the same time pointed out

where you conceived my argument
appeared weakest or most incon-
-clusive.

My object, it would doubtless
strike you, had been to place
the geological investigation on
scriptural data solely, and
chiefly on passages from which
the investigation obviously cannot
be separated, namely, the separation
at the Creation of the land of our
globe from a superincumbent mass
of waters, which should account
naturally for most of the protuberances
or mountainous projections of the earth.
I had next the natural effects of the
great Deluge as depicted by Moses,
which I conceive shined generally

account for the depositary
formations on the earth's surface.

The publications to which you
kindly refer will, I hope, on their
perusal bring me the desired infor-
-mation and enlightenment.

Your several Treatises which have
appeared in the "Leisure Hour," have
always much interested me, as
tending, I thought, to counter-act the
pompant scepticism of some of our
scientific men, and so rendering
valuable service to true science, or the
knowledge of ascertained facts, as
distinguished from mere scientific
speculations so called.

In this behalf will you allow me

to offer my humble congratulations
on the success which, through the channel
of the popular periodical referred to, I
believe your happy treatment of the topics
has already attained, and in which
I trust you may be long spared to
prosecute such important labours.

Accepting cordially your
kind wishes, and kind regards
believe me,
Truly Yours,
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