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as you have observed, a very
interesting & important fact.
It seems to have been dependent
on the depth ^{extent} & condition of
the Continental seas; may it
not have ^{been} connected simply
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movements? These limestone periods
were of very great lengths.

Very truly yours
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