

Good

Jan'y/86

Science School,
South Kensington S.W.
London.

6th Jan'y 1886.

My dear Sir John Dawson,

My report on
the Nile borings was intended,
as drawn up, for the Delta
Committee. But, ^{as soon as presented,} that committee
considered the matter discussed
in it of such importance that
they requested me to allow
it to be read at once and

published in the proceedings
of the Society. Thus it was
that I had no opportunity of
communicating with you on
the subject.

I am sure that if you
saw all the boring samples
you would agree with me
that Clays are as abundant
below a safe depth of 30 or 40
feet as above. And a recent
deep boring at Rosetta carried

down to ~~30~~¹⁵³ feet shows
that similar clays prevail
even in the lower part there.

The Abstract in Nature is
necessarily greatly abridged
& I think you would do well
to wait & see the paper in
the Proceedings of the Royal
Society. It is already printed
& the proofs corrected.

Of course my colleagues
on the Delta Committee are
in no way responsible for
the opinions expressed in
my report. But I may add

that three members of the
Committee who have gone
over the specimens with me
are satisfied that there is
no such change at a depth
of 30 or 40 feet as you
suggested while the work
was in progress.

With very friendly wishes
for the new year,

Believe me to remain,

Yours very truly,

Samuel D. Sill