

23 Denning Road NW ^{Bruner}
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Dear
Bruner

My dear Principal

I can only plead
abundance of work as my
excuse for not having

written to thank you for
your kindly New Year's remem-
brance of me, and I found

awaiting me on my return
to London early this month.

I am very glad to have your
address in a separate

form and to possess a
copy thus associated with

yourself -

After Birmingham I went for a
month to Brittany and Normandy
and devoted some of my time to
~~study~~ geology. Brittany exhibits
Archaean foundations, gneisses
which sometimes resemble the
Leip. coarsely crystalline among
the Laurentians, and in
another part schists rather
of Montalban type - There these
are Dalrognis, which have
suffered intense compression
and a plain also contact
metamorphism from intrusive
granite - but in neither

case do they at all assume the
character of the true Archæan
and yet we have paleozoic of
Cambrian age - I have sent in
a paper on Brittany to the J. -
which I think contains some
matters of interest -

You will see from the President's
address & the Rd Nat they
have not pierced the looser
deposits to the Nile valley at
a depth of (I think) 120', even
at Zagazzy - but they are now
among beds containing the
pebbles - one or two seen greenstone

most are flint, probably from the
secondary or tertiary of Lower Egypt
No "archaic" pebbles - The finer debris
also with these, appeared, as far as I
could judge from a rather hasty
inspection, more distinctly river sand
or sea sand than in the upper
part - is to contain less "blow
sand" from the Desert - but like
some 80 feet down I confess
that the microscope does not
help us to distinguish older
from newer bed -

With best wishes for the new year
and kind remembrance to Lady
and Mrs. Dawson and all other
friends
I am
Sincerely yours
J. G. Bourne