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My dear Sir,

I received yours of Feby.  
23<sup>rd</sup> duly, and am astonished to  
find by the date how much time  
has since elapsed. I have been  
waiting to get drawings of the beautifully  
radiate form of borings in the scale you  
left with me when in town, and  
of the scale in situ, or as I regard it,  
cast of a scale, for I think the only  
portion of scale really left will  
prove to be that at the upper right

hand corner. These drawings I now  
enclose. The scale drawn as opaque,  
comes nearest in the character of its marking,  
to that of a goat or beaver, so far as my  
knowledge of scales goes. You will see at  
once the remarkable point in which it  
differs - the possession of the supplementary  
patch of wavy ridges in addition to the  
usual quantum parallel to the free  
margin of the scale.

I am glad you were pleased with  
the drawings - I endeavoured in making  
them faithfully to follow out my pet  
idea, that a drawing should be the  
next best thing to a specimen - though  
it is comparatively few that seem  
to me to come up to this standard.

I do not at present feel able to  
form an opinion as to where should

myself prefer the paper being presented.  
If read to the British Association it might  
perchance meet with a fairer reception  
than at the Geol. Soc. where the micro-  
scope seems to be almost systematically  
pooh-poohed. Since I receive nothing  
for the drawings, I should of course wish  
to have the engraving secured to me,  
by way of obtaining some remuneration  
for the time I have spent over it.

Do you think it necessary to keep it as  
a geological subject? It seems to me  
that if we could get plenty of evidence  
of the work of similar creatures going  
forward at the present day, and (dare  
we venture to hope it?) see them at work,  
it might have a better chance of fair  
reception amongst the Zoologists,  
and the fossil specimens might  
be treated of by in the light afforded

by creatures of the present day,  
than the contrary course.

You will recollect I have specimens of  
Foraminifera shewing similar borings.  
And I am much encouraged in writing  
as above by having come upon a charming  
specimen of borings in what I think the  
a portion of the pellucid carapace of  
a *Locca* or one of the Entomostraca.

In the present state of the matter I  
had rather not say more about it —  
but the creatures that made these borings  
were certainly alive 2 or 3 weeks ago &  
if I can get to the seaside this summer  
I quite think I shall find them at work.

I remain

Yours very sincerely

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