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the of creatures & most honored
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My excuse ^{for} ^{being} ^{late},
& accepting minutes for your
kindness in replying to my

Question

Sincerely

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Frances Power Cobbe

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Hengwrt,
Dolgelley,
N. Wales.

3rd June

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Dear Sir - or Madam

I am much interested to read in Nature Notes your reply to my query about Lizards in Ireland. It is most satisfactory to me, the more so that I date from Malahide. Those sand banks opposite you, where you say green lizards have been seen by yourself, were a favourite haunt of mine, scrambling among them or galloping along the sands - fifty or sixty years ago. They belonged to my father, Charles Cobbe of Newbridge, who died in 1857; and it was in our park (across the slope) that I found the large brown lizard of which I spoke to Darwin. He was not at all making a jesting reference to St. Patrick, but very gravely asserting that there were no such lizards either in Ireland or in this part of Europe, & that the appearance of one was little short of miraculous & would have to be accounted for by some singular incident of transport or escape. He knew me very well & believed me implicitly but did not think other naturalists who did not personally know me wd be inclined to do so! What a lesson of the fallibility of the greatest & most honored men of science!

Pray excuse this long letter & accept my thanks for your kindness in replying to my question

Sincerely yrs

Frances Power Cobbe

It is very odd that I never saw or heard of any other lizard in the country beside that brown one.