

H.Falconer to J.Prestwich

Abbeville 16 April

My dear Prestwich,- All right about the lower jaw, human. I have examined it severely and described it. It is not only fossil, but I believe of a race different from any known European race!

However I say this with reserve as I have had no recent jaws of the human races to compare with.

I take with me a fragment of human jaw found at Menchecourt.

Quatrefages came yesterday from Paris and carried off the Moulin-Quignon jaw.

Come and see me tomorrow morning. Yours ever H.Falconer

I leave for London today.

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31 Sackville St. W. 9th. May. 1858

My dear Prestwich,- I send you the paper on the Swansea Cave for perusal. Please return it, as I find I cannot let you have this copy at present, but I will get one for you.

The colouring of the sections is roughly done by myself, to bring out obviously, the alternation of the stalagmites &c.

Bear in mind that this is not the cave in which the double phenomena occur. In Bacon-Hole I only found Elephas antiquus, and the new Rhinoceros which we will for convenience call Rh. priscus. In another cave close by there occur E. primigenius with Rhin. Antiquitatis (tichorhinus) together and E. antiquus

Rhin. priscus

As to the order of superposition in which they occur in the latter case, I cannot speak with confidence. The rigid evidence is yet to be worked out.

In the Mendip caves the relations of the mammalian Fauna are singularly complex.

The work can never be well done single-handed. One gets so absorbed in the discrimination of the fossil bones, that the physical phenomena are but partially observed, and vice versa.

I expect to be able to extend the new Rhinoceros over the Italian deposits. It will give a vast lift in bringing out the distribution of the mammalian Fauna during the newer portion of the Pliocene series. Yours very truly H.Falconer.