

NASH MILLS,
HEMEL HEMPSTED.

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Dear Sir,

I have read with much interest your account of the remarkable fossil birds, which you have had the good fortune to discover, as published in Silliman's Journal - I look forward with interest to seeing at no distant time some further details, though I do not pretend to any knowledge of the

structural peculiarities
of birds, nor to any
sufficient acquaintance
with comparative anatomy
to justify me in thus
addressing you — My
excuse for so doing is
the fact of my having
pointed out on the slab
containing the remains
of the Archaeopteryx in the
British Museum, a pair
of teeth in it, which
I ventured to suggest
might have been that
of the bird. As in all

probability you will not
have seen my paper
which was written in 1863
but not published until
1865, I take the liberty of
sending you a copy —
It will be satisfactory
to find that the teeth
of the Archaeopteryx — of
I was right in my con-
jecture — offer some
analogies with those of
the Ichthyornis.

Believe me

Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
John Huxley
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