

Beverly Farms, Mass.
July 19th 1882.

My dear Sir,

I feel very much obliged to you for the copy of your admirable Monograph. When I heard that you had found bones with teeth in their jaws I was as much surprised - startled, I might almost say - as the midwife who first looked into the mouth of the baby Richard Third. The fact is of profound

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interest in many points of view,
not the least of which is that
it hints at our coming upon
"the missing link" some day
when we are not looking for it,
perhaps.

I often envy you Champollion
of Nature's hieroglyphics, and
when I think of all that a
single generation may teach
I could wish to reverse the order
of the figures which tell me that
I am myself a fossil.

Thanking you most cordially
for your polite attention in sending
me this beautiful volume with its
wonderful revelations, I am dear Sir

With great respect

Yours truly

J. W. Holmes.

296, Beacon Street.

Nov. 15th 1883

Many thanks for your
kind and polite
invitation, my dear
Professor.

There are many
friends whom I should
like very much to meet
in your own good company,
but I must be content
to sit at my fireside
during these chilly seasons.

Very cordially yours
O. W. Holmes