

you have also commemorated at Cambridge; the other is a pamphlet on the compass-ant-hills, - a more complete notice on the subject I had dealt with at the Boston Congress. I learnt the other day, that the ants have very rare hills in America, though the species are closely related with those in Europe! The fact is very interesting and seems to depend on the more extreme climate you have in America: hot enough in summer, but cold in winter, that means: no necessity of steep hills for catching sun-rays, but necessity of protection beneath the ground during the winter.

With kind regards to Mrs. Deane and to you

I am yours truly  
D. Ch. Vinter.

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Ave. Montagibert.

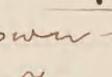
Dear Sir,

I have been long before answering your kind letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> December, but I had a busy winter with much work at school and at home. I wish first to thank you for your kind wishes and I hope that you and Mrs. Deane have well begun the new year and spent a good winter in good health. Winter has been long with us, though not very hard, but we are longing for spring's beginning, - not only in the calendar, but in nature! I went to-day, with my laboratory-boy, for collecting frog-eggs, but, alas!, we found the ditch

still covered with ice and melting snow, while at other times I was more successful at about the same date. I am going to hatch and rear several common animals for the use and observation in the inferior degrees, where natural science will next be newly introduced in form of instruction.

Besides, the natural science will very likely be developed also in the higher ~~less~~ classes, and you will understand that all those changes are of great interest but also of a great lot of work to me.

You ask me, in your last letter, about the "troubes", what I mean by

"evolution"; I meant only to say development or growing of the phenomenon. In regard of the sentence, elle avait débute par la forme verticale, I may add that the first figure is concerned, which represents a "water-sprout" like a broken line  whilst the trouble had first shown the vertical shape like . I am not sure of being quite understood by you, as I have some difficulty in explaining in English what in French is already somewhat too, elliptically expressed.

I send you with the same mail a newspaper's abstract on a paper I read about Darwin's 100th anniversary, which, I am sure, I delivered also 2 lectures on the Bermuda Islands: one more scientific, the other more popular with lantern-slides.



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