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My dear M. Cartailhac

I send you some reprints of papers recently published in our journals. The series of drawings of the Loughcrew stones published by Dr. Frazer is particularly interesting. I hope to have my photographs of these stones published this year. They will verify the drawings, and as the stones are now much weathered, the drawings are in many instances the only record we have. I am glad to say that from a comparison of the drawings with the photographs, in such cases as the markings are

Clear enough to be photographed.
 the drawings appear to be
 reliable. Dr. Frazer's theory of
 the sickles is I think wrong, but
 the plates will interest you.

I believe the reason of both edges
 of the blade being sharp is this.
 The sickle is in the first instance
 a curved sacketed knife, and



the makers had not yet
 thought of a blade with

only one cutting edge - that is with
 a back and an edge. Then the
 blade is placed sideways, and



we see the beginning of
 the idea of a non-cutting
 back to the blade in fig. 1, in

which the inner side of the blade (a)
is more marked as the cutting
side than in the earlier forms.



I tried after you left
to take a paper squeeze of
the stone at Newfange with
the axe heads, but was only
partially successful, as it was
a damp day. I hope to make
a good one this summer, when
the days are long and dry,
and shall send you a
photograph of it.

With many pleasant
remembrances of your visit,
and good wishes for your
forthcoming book on the Bronze
Age in France. I am

very truly yours
Henry C. Peck