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Dear E,

Typing is about finished, & I shall hope to send a carbon soon. Your blushes will be reduced by the fact that it's mostly about Ventris; but it confesses to being limited. The present version is to be regarded as a draft: some reduction is in order, for one thing, & I am open to almost any other change.

For the data you have sent, I am as grateful as they are important. Being a draft, it does quote directly - will you in your kindness study these parts to note the effect? I tried paraphrasing, and it looked wrong. In most passages, moreover, the quotes reinforce what is established independently: to paraphrase seemed always to give weak support, even suspicious support.

I am not clear in my mind what ought ideally to be the relation to your own excellent annals. You have the whole in brief; I have part in detail. ~~The~~ scheme <sup>of your account</sup> as a whole would make conceivably a large difference. Anyway, you can see.

Yrs, with hearty thanks,  
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