

Petou, Nuh 13/55-

Sir C Lyell,

My dear Sir;

I enclose a
Certificate from Mr Logan.
— a very good one on
some points. It explains
the reason why it comes
so late.

By last. mail I
received a copy of the
Scottish Rep with an
article on Agapiz and
Myself, and one of

My friend informs me
that he has circulated
some copies among your
peers and others for
my benefit. I need
hardly say that I
advised no one to
attack Agassiz, and
would much rather
have been helped without
his being disparaged.
From what I know of
the character of the editor,

I know that it was
done with the best
intentions, and I
hope it may do ^{us} harm;
and excite no more
pleasant controversy, and
that it may do all
the good the writer in-
tended.

It was however quite
inevitable that Agassiz
should be attacked for
his views on man, and
especially for his uniting

with Nott & Glendon in
their "Types of Manhood"
a book that is doing equal
mischiefs to science and
religion. In one sense
he discerns it, for he
is by far too rash in
asserting general views
without weighing the
evidence. This is his
great fault, and it is
apparent in his glacial
theory and also in the
denial of the Carboniferous
Reptiles as mentioned in

in your last. However
it was not my wish
to excite any opinion against
him or any other candidate,
and in all my letters I
have abstained from saying
anything of any of them.

I omitted in my
last to say that if
you still retain a cer-
tificate from Rev J Bayne
Penton, I should be glad
to have it or a copy
sent to Mr Bell 11 Gilmore
Place Edinburgh.

Copy to Lyce

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