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Barton-on-Humber,
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To J. W. Dawson, L. L. D., F. R. S., & G. S.

Dear Sir.

Just lately I have got your valuable work "The Story of the Earth & Man." I had seen those Essays in the Leisure Hour, but had not read them. I have been delighted with the work especially at pages 292. to 295. on the "Gravel of the Somme" &c. I have even ventured to quote these pages for my new Geological work, that went to the printers - Bensons & Son, Derby & London - last Saturday night, and would reach them this morning July 14. I beg to ask if you will accept of my new book when printed. I enclose contents and the Title page. I am afraid sufficient will not be sold in England to save me from loss, as I am a new author; do you think it possible for me to get an American publisher who would sell me a few? It would ^{help} my sale.

even in England, if I could have had your name attached to it in some way, if I could have had a few pages from you pen as an Introduction, but that is too late, as Introduction will in type now forthwith. Would it be too much to ask if you would allow me to Dedicate the work to you. That would help me much, as your name is well known among scientific circles in England. I am struggling up for a position. You will see that I am a Fellow of the Geological Society in London. I wish I could obtain academic honours at some university. But I have not much money at command, nor am I acquainted with any Principal or Professor of a university in England. And America is too far off for to attend any classes. I am a minister, but not a very hard student.

Will you please accept a copy of my "Gleanings" which is sent by this post to your address. I am, Dear Sir, Yours most truly
Arthur Beane Land.

July 17. 1876

Dr. J. W. Dawson.