

Copy to De Gree

McGill College.  
Montreal.

Sept 26, 1878.

New De Gree,

My dear Sir,

With reference to  
your letter of July 6, and  
my reply of July 20, I beg  
now to say that I have  
written out the first copy  
of a work on the Epochs  
in the History of Life,  
and am now having it  
upred out for the  
printer. The size will  
be as nearly as possible  
that of Rawlins's begin  
of Nations, and I have  
suggested links of the chain  
of life in the earth's history

Address - Pomeroy Dawson, McGill College Montreal.

Prepared about 180  
illustrations for woodcuts,  
of these I can furnish  
electrotypes of nearly 100  
at very little expense.  
The rest will have to  
be engraved on wood,  
or copied by some  
of the cheap processes  
(as Gallotype &c) now  
in use.

Up to two or three days, I  
have prepared the clean  
copy of two chapters

and the greater part of  
the third, and have  
about 60 cuts in the  
hands of the electrotypers.  
There will be ten chapters  
in all. I shall hope to  
send half the book  
with the illustrations about  
the middle of October, and  
the remainder by say  
the middle of November  
if that will be sufficiently  
early for your purpose.

The work has  
proved of unexpected in-  
terest to me, and I trust

P.S. I had <sup>to</sup> ~~suppose~~ <sup>suppose</sup> ~~now~~ <sup>now</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~work~~ <sup>work</sup> ~~done~~ <sup>done</sup> ~~by~~ <sup>by</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~same~~ <sup>same</sup> ~~time~~ <sup>time</sup>, ~~but~~ <sup>but</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~same~~ <sup>same</sup> ~~time~~ <sup>time</sup>, ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~reading~~ <sup>reading</sup> ~~references~~ <sup>references</sup> ~~needed~~ <sup>needed</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~present~~ <sup>present</sup> ~~new~~ <sup>new</sup> ~~facts~~ <sup>facts</sup> ~~requiring~~ <sup>requiring</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~have~~ <sup>have</sup> ~~been~~ <sup>been</sup> ~~continually~~ <sup>continually</sup> ~~turning~~ <sup>turning</sup> ~~up~~ <sup>up</sup> ~~new~~ <sup>new</sup> ~~ones~~ <sup>ones</sup>

will be to the public. The  
Method of taking up  
each group at its origin  
and tracing its history  
seems to be new, except  
in limited parts of the  
field, and yields most  
curious and striking  
results; and I am ever  
desirous to select illustra-  
tions as well as facts  
to bring them out, many  
of them little known to  
English readers. There is less  
difficulty also in this method  
than I had feared in working  
lectures and matters more  
intelligible to our scientific friends,  
should you wish greater haste  
than above indicated or should you  
be able conveniently to give longer time,  
please inform me. Truly yours,  
J. D. Dawson