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Dr. J. W. Dawson

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My dear Sir

By this time you have probably received a copy of my little book on Job, for which I bespeak your lenient judgment as to its many imperfections; but dare to challenge your critical scrutiny as to its chief views and interpretations.

I have read with much interest large portions of your new *Archaia* (I was pretty fa-

miliar with your preceding works already) and find new reason to rejoice that the views you hold have in you so candid as well as keen, a defender.

Being myself a believer in the origin of species by descent, and not finding in that philosophy any bar to my evangelical creed as a Christian, I nevertheless am glad for the sake of truth, that the opponents of the new views are not all unworthy of their cause. I must say frankly, that since the departure of Agassiz, there are few left, except yourself, competent to deal with the geological and palaeontological argument, in such a way as really to test the Darwinian or any kindred hypothesis. You are an adversary from whom one may learn

with delight - I should have
been glad to ask your further
explanations on many points
in your published writings, and
to submit to your judgment some
of the results to which my
study of Scripture and of
Science has led me. But the
merry hours in Montreal gave
little chance for such commu-
nication - and I suppose it must
be reserved for the "longed-for
leisure", beyond this busy life.
Certainly it cannot be that we
"shall know as we are known"
so suddenly and passively in
that other world as to lose the
joy of finding out and communi-
cating truth!

I directed the publisher
of the Eng & Mining Journal to
send to Mr W^m Dawson, in your

care, a copy of the number con-
taining Hally's paper on the
dephosphorization of pigiron by
washing in the Penist-furnace.
If he should fail to receive it,
I will take pains to have it
replaced.

Mrs Raymond and my
sister join me in regards to
Mrs + Miss Dawson, Dr and
Miss Harrington. We shall all
long remember the pleasure we
enjoyed in your company;
and we hope that none of
you will visit New York without
giving us an opportunity to
see you, and return, to some small
extent, the courtesy you abund-
antly poured upon us.

Yours very truly

R. W. Raymond

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