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Dr. J. M. Dawson

in Gill College, Montreal.

My dear Sir

*I have spent all the little
remnant of my day in writing
to Mrs Harrington on - Family
Government! This preposterous
piece of priggishness arose out
of my desire to complete a din-
ner talk, by sending her a volume
of which we had spoken, and
at the same time to disclaim
a good deal in the volume, and
to represent my wife (who super-
intends the government) de-*

partment in our household, while I look on and applaud, and yet governed with the rest) as knowing more about the matter than any book-maker. The result is, that I have no time left to display my folly in another direction, namely, by going boldly in for a controversy with you on the points you raise concerning the age of Job and the speech of Elihu. You will pardon the bluntness of a young man, especially as I am going to suppress it on this occasion; and you will permit me to say that my conclusions, right or wrong, were carefully considered and reconsidered for two years, & that the arguments you bring against them are not in my judgment conclusive. This is particularly the case with

the argument from the Arabian
mines, on which I respect-
fully request that you will
consider yourself potentially
defeated!

But if I must not enter
into the battle which I sniff
afar, I may at least thank
you for the kindness which
you have shown in giving so
much of your own time to me,
and express the hope that we
may some day, sub tegmine fagi,
(say at our pretty country home
on the banks of the Delaware) dis-
cuss in the summer shadows
the themes started on the banks
of the St Lawrence. This is an
invitation to yourself & Mrs.
Dawson, whenever you come
our way.

I send to your address a

copy of the last number of the
Engineering & Mining Journal,
containing a report of the Drown
presentation at the Windsor
Hotel Banquet. It is particu-
larly intended for Mrs. Dawson,
who expressed a flattering in-
terest in the speeches, at the
time. If she could know what
a pure, true noble soul Tom
Drown's is, and how I - say,
how we all - love him, she
would feel her interest justified
by deeper reasons.

With renewed regards to
yours & to you, I remain

Yours truly

R. W. Raymond

Mr. Hewitt has carried off your No-
va Scotia report for perusal. When
he returns it, I will see what further
I can do to win it notice.