

The Nassires

Richmond Hill

near London

My dear Dawson

I write to say that I have  
been here a month or more for change of  
air — and see — as I have become  
weak, dropsical and troubled with an  
highly irritable bladder — of which two  
uncles and a grand father died — but  
spirits good — altho actual strength almost  
nil — but still if Miss Dawson were to  
come to Pq it will be a pleasure to receive  
her . But of her we have had no  
intelligence — by letter or otherwise —

I write also to thank you for the excellent and compendious book on paleontology you have written for the Rel Tract Society

It is sure to have a large circulation and I thank you for it —

You treat Darwinism in a most sensible and nice way —

Dana in his 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the Manual never mentions it — gives it the go-by in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition —

This is not the time of the year for scientific news. — I have none —

You perhaps have seen Pattison, a finely gifted man — So McCarthy of the Religi:

Tract society thinks him - & so do I. -

Mr Roberts is a favorable specimen of  
a gentle man of science -

I am working at a Thesaur. Permean  
but the cold clammy benumbing fingers of  
age make my progress hard and slow -

Take care you do not wear out -  
Get George to help - I am sure he is  
able and willing - His book on NW Ameri-  
ca - when may we expect it?  
My kindest regard to him and to every  
member of your family - to your dear  
wife too.

I am my dear Dawson  
Very sincerely yours

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J. J. Bigsby

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