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Dear Dr Dawson

I have yr card
with the numbers of "Science". As to
yr suggestion of Comets as a source
of Carbon to the Atmosphere. Prof.
Pierce taking up my notion of an
influence of carbon, suggested it in his
lectures in Boston in 1879. See
his "Ideality in Science". I have
just discovered however that Pierce
and myself were anticipated by
200 years by Newton. who in
his Principia Math. book III
prop. ~~II~~ LII. puts forth the hypo-
thesis that the atmos^{pheric} vapor which
arise from the sun, the fixed stars
and the tails of comets may meet
at last with & fall into the atmos.

phere of the earth planets by New
gravity & "Here be condensed"

He goes on to say "That from this
source may come "Salts, Sulphur
Clay, Sand, Coral & other terrestrial
substances." Thus my physio-
logical argument, was by the
prophetic insight of the great
Newton, anticipated. I mean
on this subject to print a note
in Nature very soon -

We had a pleasant journey back &
brought with us very agreeable mem-
ories of Little Metis. I go to Bos-
ton early next week. With kind
regards to yr wife and family.

in which Mrs. Hunt joins I
remain very sincerely Yrs

L. Sterling Hunt

Dr. J. W. Dawson.