

Westerville O. Feb. 3, 1883.

Sr. Dawson.

Dear Sir,

I have just been reading your book *Story of the Earth and Man*, and am so well pleased with it that I have concluded to tell you what I think of it.

I am not well enough acquainted with geology, I suppose, to give just criticism; but it seems to me that your reasoning in some directions are unanswerable. I refer particularly to your views and arguments on the subject of Evolution, which I think are incontrovertible. Your characteriza-

tion of their arguments as a "begging the question" is true from the start. The theory is a hypothesis, based upon hypothesis. It assumes, to begin with, the necessity of a theory of the origin of species which shall have out of account everything which has to do with an intelligent Creator. On page 364 (Harper & Bro. edition) you have presented the issue most happily. The last sentence in the paragraph contains a theory; which, when compared with that of the Evolutionists, (each with its proper array of evidence and arguments,) would, I believe, in the view of an impartial judge, utterly annihilate its opposite.

On the one side are the Bible

and human traditions, and
as you have shown, the testi-
mony of the rocks. All Natural
History is on the same side.
On the other, nothing but an
hypothesis, and the implied ne-
cessity referred to above.
You will see clearly, that I
am not an impartial judge,
but truly I have no patience with
it. I am glad that you have
had the patience to search the
matter through; and I con-
gratulate you ^{on} your success
in demolishing Darwin's hy-
pothesis.

Yours very truly,
John Haywood.

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