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My Dear Mr William

I would have soon thanked you for your "Present Day Tracts" which I have read with much interest; but other duties claimed my time.

The movement which it represents is one commanding a hearty sympathy from all who value revealed truth; and much is gained when men like you are seen in the forefront.

I suspect, however, that the

number of men who are unbelievers because of the difficulty of harmonising Science & Revelation is very small. The arguments are mostly raised by unbelievers who catch at any such excuse for their indifference, or avowed rejection of the Truth.

As to the Antiquity of Man, I must confess the evidence of a far greater Antiquity than till recently was assumed for him, seems to me irresistible. But it gives

me no concern from the  
point of view of my  
acceptance of Christ  
in all the beauty of  
his Divine perfection:  
such as no moralist  
of any age; — and above  
all of that Augustan  
age of Rome, — could  
possibly have invented.

The "perfect law of liberty,"  
and the concise resolution  
of the whole moral law  
into "love God with all thy  
soul & heart, & mind;  
and thy neighbour as thyself"  
utterly conflict with Roman

"virtue;" or what was respected  
as true Manhood in the  
age when Paul reasoned  
on Mars' Hill. I cannot  
imagine the possibility of  
either Jew or Gentile inventing  
"Christ;" - and above all,  
in that age of Hebrew, Greek  
& Roman story.

I suppose we must go to  
Ottawa some time soon, to see  
Sir J. A. Macdonald. If one day  
will do, I hope it can be a  
Saturday. If more let it be  
Friday and Saturday. More  
than that is scarcely possible for  
me. All best blessings of the New  
Year to you & yours  
Your faithful Servant  
D. W. Wilby