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Sir. J. W. Dawson

Dear Sir

Referring to my last letter of Nov. 13. I wish to say that the committee on Sunday evening Lectures of the Brooklyn Inst. held a meeting this morning to consider your esteemed letter of the 12. inst.

While they regret that you are unable to give us at least three lectures, yet they are willing to accept of the two proposed by you, for the evenings of Sunday Jan. 2. and Jan 9.

In regard to what you have written about our suggestions I mentioned to the committee what I wrote you on the 13. and they fully agree with me that the lessons drawn by a student of the Works of God in the geological history of the earth or in the development of life on this planet or any other of the works of the Creator which show "His Power Wisdom and Goodness" will be very acceptable. As I wrote you we would like something different from the ordinary Sunday evening sermons and your own judgment will be the best guide as to the subject. You can take as broad a sweep as you like because there is nothing to

limit your theme or treatment, save the conditions of
Mr Augustus Graham's will as mentioned in my first
letter. There will be no lectures this winter
save yours on the Graham foundation, and next year
(winter of '87 and '88) we shall probably invite Prof
Young of Princeton, whose specialty is Astronomy.

From all this I trust you will feel the utmost
freedom to take any theme which you may believe
best adapted to your use and to the honor of God

Dr. Cochran thought you might like to combat
the extreme evolutionists and if you think best to
do this, you are quite at liberty to do so, but so
far as the committee are concerned we feel that your
own judgement is a far safer guide than any sug-
gestions we can offer.

In regard to the compensation the committee have
authorized me to offer you one hundred and fifty dollars
(\$150⁰⁰) each for the two proposed lectures. In case
you decide to accept our proposal we shall be glad
to provide for your entertainment while in Brooklyn
unless you prefer to stop with other friends. If you
will stop with me at my home 363 Henry St, my
wife, my two sons and my two daughters will do
what we can to make your stay agreeable

Hoping to hear from you at your convenience in reply
to the proposal of the com. I remain dear Sir
Yours Very Truly
C. L. Woodbridge