

McGill College.  
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Dec 13, 1886

My dear Sir,

I have your kind  
letter of the 9th inst.  
and am much ob-  
liged by the information  
as to the Hall etc

As to the title  
of the lectures, I do  
not think it would  
be well to refer  
to Evolution by name.  
The term is used in the  
indist and most varied

No. 100 of a letter from the Museum

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leaves and as held  
by Spencer and Darwin  
it is fast running itself  
into the ground without  
any one interfering  
with it. The title  
I think was to be  
a The Physical History of  
the Earth and its  
preparation for man.  
If Dr. Storer and Dr.  
Cushman think it

would be more at  
attractive in a well  
retained form it might  
be — "On the Development  
of the Divine Plan in  
the Physical History of  
the World and its  
Preparation for Man"

I may say that  
my present idea is to  
settle in the first place  
definitely the ideas of



Causes and developments  
as applied to the ~~state~~<sup>nature</sup>  
and the receipt of a  
First Cause, and  
then to trace by a  
series of illustrations the  
continued and unity  
of the divine plan with  
the power and divinity  
manifested in it.  
All this will of course  
be entirely at variance  
with the agnostic materialism  
but not so much as the use  
of allegory it as of showing the