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Sir William Dawson,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir:

I am desirous of publishing in the Christian Register the opinions of a jury of representative scientific men on the question of immortality as affected by the methods and results of modern science. The points upon which I should like to have testimony are these:

1. Are there any facts in the possession of modern science which make it difficult to believe in the immortality of the personal consciousness?
2. Is there anything in the discoveries

of science which would support or strengthen the belief in immortality?

3. Or do you consider the question out of the pale of science altogether?

Will you be kind enough to give me your opinion on these points with any suggestions that may grow out of them? These questions are asked not too strictly to limit the scope of reply but to indicate the directions in which testimony is desired.

I should consider it a great favor if you would kindly consent to give me your opinion in this matter.

I do not ask a formal essay but a brief article of five or six hundred words for which I will pay you ten dollars.

It will not be necessary for me to have

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the article before March 10 or March 20, but I should like to have a word from you letting me know whether I may expect it.

Prof. Asa Gray of Cambridge, Prof. Young of Princeton, Prof. Samuel Scudder of Cambridge, and others, have already promised to contribute to the series.

Yours very truly,

S. J. Barrows

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