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Sir William Dawson K.C.M.G.

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Dear Sir,

Presuming on the French speak  
hospitality and kindness with which  
you received me at Montreal and  
Ottawa on the occasion of my visit  
there when I presented a letter of  
introduction from Capt<sup>m</sup> Petrie a  
year ago today, I venture to intrude  
on you to ask whether you can give  
me some advice; if it be with trou-  
bling you too much.

Three years ago I was in Brazil,  
and when there was much interest  
in the Edentata. Now, I have lately

returned from my hurried tour round  
the world, and have been much  
struck by the Manuscript of  
Australia. About 2 years since I  
presented a paper to the Victoria  
Institute on the "Persistence of Type."  
but press of other work has always  
prevented my carrying out this  
work. Now, however, I wish -  
should I have sufficient leisure - to  
prepare this paper; and tho' I have  
many notes I wish for information  
as to any special books or papers  
dealing with the Edentata and  
Manuscript; as these remarkable  
groups afford very important  
confirmation of this theory of the  
"Persistence of Type," and the sub-  
sequent appearance of the higher forms

of Manumation by Special Creation  
A with Evolution.

Could you find time to suggest to  
me any words which might assist  
me in my researches I should feel  
myself much indebted to you, and be  
very grateful.

Pray present my best compliments  
to your son, to whom I bear the honour  
of introduction, and to whom paper  
I listened with great interest at  
the meeting of the R. Society at Ottawa.

Believe me

Yrs Vly AS

Watkins P. D. D.

My work on Brazil was reviewed  
by about 30 leading magazines & papers,  
including French, German and Austral-  
ian.

on the whole most satisfactory,  
tho' of course my Anti-Resolution  
theories have been somewhat severely  
handled, not to say contemptuously

W.H.