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To Sir J. W. Dawson, L.L.D., F.R.S., F.G.S.
McGill University Montreal.

My Dear Sir,

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I am persuaded, that you will over-look my taking the liberty of ~~my~~ writing you, being a stranger. I say a stranger, because, this I am personally, but not to your noble name, and work.

For nearly 13 years, I was a resident in the Canadian Dominion, doing missionary work, among the Primitive Methodists in Ontario, up to the time of the Methodist Union, which you as know took place, a few years ago. But for circumstances largely beyond my control, I should have been in the grand Dominion to day, doing ministerial labour. I love Canada, and its institutions, and people, and were it possible, I should soon return. This however, is out of the question now, as I am obliged to cease my labours generally, in consequence, of chronic throat suffering. By your kind permission I will now inform you, why I have taken upon

me the task of addressing you.
For a long time, I have been anxious
to possess myself of your works, but
for want of limited resources, I have
not been able to do so. Seeing no way
out of my difficulty, in this respect, but by
making a personal appeal, I have done
so. May I ask, if it is in your
power to favour me with your vols.
"The Story of the Earth and Man," "The Origin
of the World," and your "Fossil Men, and
their Modern Representatives"? Nothing
would give ^{me} greater pleasure, than to
receive from your ^{own} hands, the happiness
of reading your valuable productions, and
calling them my own. If it was in my
power, to obtain them from the publishers
in England, I should not have trou-
bled you, as I have done, Hoping
for your kind response, and praying God
to bless you abundantly, and again,
asking your overlooking my troubling you,
with deepest respect,
I am most honourable Sir,
yours faithfully,
Thomas Bryant.

Sir J. W. Dawson, L.L.D., F.R.S., F.G.S.,
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