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Sir

Pray excuse the liberty
that I, an utter stranger,
to you, take in thus addressing
you.

It hath been wisely
said that "a little Learning"
"is a dangerous thing" and
tho' it is sometimes retorted
that "no Learning at all"
"is still more dangerous." I
think the truth of the
adage is well exemplified
in the scepticism of many

who have but a very
superficial acquaintance
with science and who
content that recent dis-
coveries, especially in Geology
have entirely upset the
Bible theory of the Creation
and that therefore the
Bible itself is unworthy
the belief of any thinking
man!

Now all this is of
course rather perplexing to
a plain man of business
like myself, but when
one sees a leader in Science
like yourself, taking his
stand on the Bible, as I

Believe you do, one is en-
couraged in the thought
that the two theories must
be very far from irrecon-
cilable and that Bacon
only spoke the truth when
he said that "a little
"philosophy inclineth men's
"minds to atheism but
"depth in philosophy turneth
"them round again to true
"religion." —

I venture therefore
to enquire of you if you
have ever published any
books or lectures on
the subject and if so
what are their titles

and who are your
publishers here and
in England.

With many hearty
thanks in advance

I remain, Sir,

Yours Ast. Scott.

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Sir William Dawson
Montreal
