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Mr W. J. Taylor,

July 25, 1888
a Paper
for Rain

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours
enclosing extract of Minutes
Mail respecting prayer
for rain, I may say that
I do not understand
the basis of the objection
of the writer. At present,
so far as I know,
Science and art know
no means whereby we
can procure rain at
will. Should such a
discovery be made, it

will be useless or pre-
sumptuous to pray for
rain*, because the matter
will be in our own
hands. So long, on
the other hand, as
the distribution of rain
is withheld from our
control, we have a
right, if we believe
in any higher power
having such control,
to ask His help,

* Precept of course in the general
way of asking for Divine help and guidance
in our own efforts.

and so far as I
can see the whole
question belongs to the
domain of Revelation
and not to that
of Physical Science.

Since I think
discussed this matter
in ~~these~~ lectures delivered
some time ago in
Philadelphia, and pub-
lished by the Baptist

Publication Society of
that city, under the
name "Facts and
Fancies in Science".
I have not a copy
of the work here,
but if you can pro-
cure it, you will
find some arguments
on the subject. In the
mean time the reply
given above should be
sufficient to any one
who knows the limits
of legitimate science.

Truly yours
J. D. Dawson