

Shawville Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1889 *Jondu*

Dear Sir William,  
avail myself of the friendship  
with which you favored me  
and write you for some ~~advice~~.

I never had any classic or  
scientific training at school.  
At 30 could not conjugate  
a Greek verb. "Natural select  
ion" led me to etymology  
and natural science.

I have come to a point  
where I need advice.

I am pretty well supplied  
with Anglo-Saxon & Old Eng-  
lish literature. The gram-  
matical forms of Latin, Greek,  
French, Spanish, Italian  
and German are at <sup>my</sup> hand.  
do not mean that I know  
all those languages. I  
have neither time nor  
means to learn any  
oriental language

To know something of their  
grammatical forms is  
all that I can make out.  
Is Farrar's comparative  
grammar of Sanskrit, Greek  
and Latin finished? I have  
only seen the announcement  
of the first volume. Do you  
know whether the Sanskrit  
paradigms are printed in  
Roman letters, as well as  
Sanskrit? They are in Max Müller's  
Sanskrit Grammar. Do you  
know any other Oriental  
language whose paradigms  
are given in Roman letters?  
Does Dr. Latham's History of  
the English Language con-  
tain much of value that  
is not found in the pages  
of Professors Morley & Marsh?  
Professor Sayax in his com-  
parative Philology says

that the soul is the "heavenly  
In what language and which  
word is that that embodied?  
Is it the Hebrew word? I  
do not remember seeing that  
in any Hebrew or Greek word.  
Our friend Dr. Loble is dead,  
or I would have written  
him. I thought of writing to  
Professor Moyer, as my ques-  
tions are not in your par-  
ticular field. <sup>(but I never saw him)</sup> I come  
now to one that is. In  
which of your books is  
your thought of evolution  
most fully set out? As  
to the atheistic phase of ev-  
olution, I rest on this  
position: Involution  
precedes evolution. You  
can evolve nothing that  
was not first involved.  
Now my Dear Sir William  
if you can answer my  
questions—

give me any advice as  
books &c. &c. I shall ever  
be your debtor. My means  
are of the smallest.

Address me at Farm,  
Pontiac Co.

Yours Respectfully  
H. J. Goselin

P.S.

Have you published  
your travels in Egypt,  
Palustine &c? If so, what  
is title & price? Many years  
since you sent me your  
photo. - a perfect picture  
of what you were then. You  
have changed since.  
Will you bestow me a late  
one-ordinary album size.  
I dare not ask a cabinet.

H. J. G