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Congregational College of Canada.

Montreal, 3 Nov 1890

Sir J. William Dawson,

My dear Sir,

Having, for the second time, gone over Prof. Huxley's article, and your remarks on his performance, in the Magazine of Christian Literature, I am constrained to send you my unreserved and hearty thanks, for your interesting and valuable apologetic. And, as a Puritan minister, I may add, that I exceedingly relish your paragraph on the "fungus growths" of a pretentious ecclesiasticism, as having no inherent connexion with the gospel of the Son of God.

I pray that the Lord may long spare you, that your acquisitions in "the wisdom of this world" may continue to be of service to the Church of Christ, and to those of us, in her employ, who have to instruct those coming up to serve her in the ~~corrupt~~ generation. Indeed, but for the great help your writings are to me in my work as an instructor, I do not know that I should trouble you to read a mere personal acknowledgment of benefit.

With high regard,

I am, honored Sir,

Your obliged and grateful servt. Wm. M. Barbour.