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Dear Sir please

Give me an answer  
I will do up the work  
and send it pre paid to  
your adress by Express or  
Mail. for the purpose said

I remain very Dear  
Sir yours sincerely

Thos. E. Edgar  
Forest, Ontario  
Canada

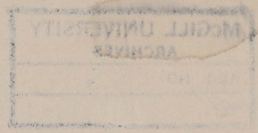
Forest May 23. 1892

Professor Dr. Dear Sir. Pardon the liberty  
thus taken of intruding upon your time and  
attention. I have all but a personal acquaintance  
with you through your books which purchased at  
Hamilton a few years ago. and from the which  
I have formed a high personal regard. Such as  
all true lovers of Geology ought to have.

I beg to inform you that I am  
the almost unknown author of a work of 18.  
Chapters which is <sup>practically and scientifically</sup> the  
result of a lifetime. The work is Geology and  
Minerology combined. and the Geology of it,  
on a space entirely new. it has laid beside me  
in a finished state for the last five years. I  
have corresponded with all the leading houses  
in the several cities here and the united  
States. but still without success. all for some  
reason or another complain of full hands. The  
contents of the proposed work was also sent by  
request to some of them to give an idea of the  
nature of the work. two or more of them replied  
that they could not undertake one. that such  
a book was really awanting. others that the  
book would not suit their trade and would  
not consent to put it through.

I am much inclined to send  
you the whole work. Should you consent to  
a solid perusal. you would find much  
strange and interesting to you. although it  
not agree with the views you have previously  
expressed.

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of myself and then of the work

The trouble is I am now getting old and despairing of getting the work out. I have several obstacles also in the way. My Early Education was much marred by poor health when a child which has been a great drawback for life. But I am and has been a faithful student of the Bible and very many useful books and for the scriptures never so much so as of late years in connection with my studies of Geology. I am to a certain extent adept of the late H. Miller. But only so far as to imitate a knowledge and a love for the science as I differ widely. And all that I have either read or heard I know nearer to yourself in many particulars than any other and what surprised me not a little. My work was all studied and written in pencil. Before I knew of such a writer or read your works. And it was rather curious to find myself long since one in your position but I got but little from anyone as the traces and leading features of the <sup>work</sup> Depper so much from anyone and the work may fairly be said to be original or nearly so. I had the best opportunity of studying Mineralogy <sup>in the</sup> with Des. where I was born and raised in a mining district and spent my early days and in this country I have been extremely connected with the Excavation of R. R. S. & C. and <sup>at</sup> the same time my private studies were never neglected. And while in this line of business I <sup>made</sup> many strange Discoveries and Relics of the Gigantic Dead Bones including a Grinder.

the finder of that relic ancient life. I also made many Discoveries of the Great Changes from the Species of fire and water upon this Continent in the long bygone. I have located the Ancient Beach of an Inland ocean made a map of the same. and at a date much later have given four different sections of the Niagara river from Queenston to the present Cataract. and a Diagram of it matters &c. &c

The work contains 18 ordinary Chapters devoted to what comes within the Dominion of Geology. which is to day almost a dead science. at least her and her gallant supporters are in fetters arising from the Mellinoly fact. that sacred record and the science have been made. and held so bitter enemies. while she is really the handmaiden of divine wisdom. and invited to break the sacred seals of the seven mosaic days. read and adore. and proclaim the greatness and wisdom of the great God. and father of our Lord Jesus Christ. after long years of study. and consulting the slow progress of the science in the hands of her supporters and the wild notions of those that were nothing more than wild speculators. I found it altogether imposable to write and give any more light on the science. and retain the old received maxims of the Church. so I laid it aside. as lame. spurious. and unsope. and condemned. and condemn it on 5. different leading articles. and so laid it on the

with the history of the Church, and Gods Dealings with his peculiar people. And make my own Commentary on all these articles, on the English Bible, and partly believe that this <sup>will</sup> be part of the reason, and stand in the way of getting my System of Geology Before the world, and the more unscrupulous the dance to the Maypole the more Confused, and unassailable will be the science and his fetters made faster fasten on.

But my views are made plain and well supported in the work, and several new Discoveries I claim as mine, fully Explained and supported, then all my Studies and it's Designs were done in pencil by my own hands and much of it was written twice or three times, when about publish I hired a man of the <sup>press</sup> to make it ready under my care. But he never seem'd to suit, and about End of the ninth Chapter I let him go my wife who is much younger than myself and a beautiful writer, undertook to copy from me and Dictation, and since in this way have made many Amendments to several of his Chapters the work is written in these two hands with pen and Ink and easily read and the reason I have been long affected with Navelgia and affects my head when I use Pen and Ink not so much with pencil

And Dear Sir if you could find time to spare to give my work a solid perusal whether you can see as I see or not, you will find many things new and interesting, and strange at first until you <sup>think</sup>