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My dear Sir William

I am indebted to your thoughtful kindness for a copy of your new book published by the A.S.S. The subject is of deep & permanent interest to me. You have by your writing ably made it & as the result (in my opinion) made of your labours elevated it not only into being but into importance as a branch of Christian knowledge. There are as we all know several dark spots ~~still~~ still awaiting a reward future discovery & in such propitious study there must be the employment of hypotheses which may need alteration but these are the inevitable phenomena of ~~the~~ advancement in science & I congratulate you on having been privileged to do so much in laying foundations & building. I will try & get a gossip with Mr. Praxidell on the tempting things in your book, but my opportunities are rare as I am too lame to get about & he is also becoming weak & his beautiful place at Shoreham is not ~~so~~ very agreeable without giving trouble.

I trust that you are enjoying the summer. My son Mr. Patten of Rochester N.Y. has been with me in London but has now returned to his post.

Mr. Patten has to give me in passing kind regards to Lady Dawson. We often think with pleasure of the meetings we enjoyed together

Yours faithfully

J. Pattison

Sir W. Dawson

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