

Dunally, Tasmania
May 8. 1896

My dear Sir,

I have just had the great pleasure of reading your "Geological History of Plants". The subject is one in which I have taken an amateur interest for many years, though the existing floras have been my special department of study in the leisure hours of a Congregational minister's life.

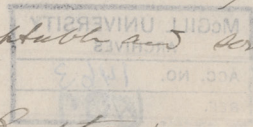
I have ventured to send you a few fragments of fossil plants, mostly new and undescribed, and if they are sufficient for comparison and elucidation you are at liberty to deal with them as you may desire. Had it not been for the great weight of such material I would have sent larger specimens.

I hope to avail myself of an early opportunity of reading all your writings especially those having a special bearing upon the history of Creation and the controversies which have gathered round the name of Darwin. During last year I published four articles in the "Australian Christian World" under the heading of "Darwiniana".

If you should find my small collection of any scientific interest, and if you should deem my literary and scientific labours worthy of any academic recognition which it may be in your power to command it would be both acceptable and desirable to me.

Very sincerely yours
John Ruffton

Sir J. M. Dawson, F.R.S. &c. &c.



Dear Sir,
May 8. 1876

I have just seen the Great Britain
of your Great Britain History of Great Britain
and it is one in which I have taken an interest
in what for many years, through the various
has been my special department of study in the
I have written to you for a few pages of the
which, most men and women, and of the
effort for comparison and illustration you are
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and larger specimens.
I have seen and of an old history of
writing all your writings especially those having a
in which you the history of Great Britain and the
which have gathered round the name of Darwin during
that you I printed for articles in the "Great Britain"
"The Book" under the heading of "Darwinism".
If you should find any more articles from
interest, and if you should see any other
I have sent of any articles; I regret that it may be
in your own hands of which the
Yours truly,
W. M. Dawson

Dr. Darwin
Shrewsbury
May 1/76

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