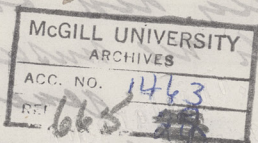


kindest remembrances and thanks for
your letter from very sincerely

Heaven Collett
Kind messages to Lady Dutton

Collett
D. Melborne



August 11 - 1906

My dear Sir William

It was indeed good of you
to think again of the question I put you
Thursday. I did not know how it was his.
I was of as I found it impossible to hear
so grace up and asked God to make me
satisfied and thankful that others who
needed more to be set at rest - heard
what you had to say and would be helped
so to much perhaps by what you said
in, in a short time. When one has to speak
somewhat exhaustively, one can't say much
but by seeing that our dear friends so
indefinitely more both of the difficulties
and their solutions, is nevertheless a
firm believer in the word of God.

This point is of transcendental
importance I consider and this is
why I say it would be such a
good thing in scientific men who
are Christians to "let their lights
shine" freely as there is no much

opportunity in their writings on
scientific subjects for them to express
their and even if they did such
writings do not reach the scientific
acquaintance who is generally
in superficial bread scientific
books - but would doubtless be attracted
by a work on the so called difficulties
in religious belief by Sir Wm Dawkins.

It is almost irritating to hear the
certainty with which people say
scholars think so & so - just because
some sceptic who happens to have
acquired fame on some of these
subjects, has propounded certain
theories. I send you a letter from
the friend who asked me to
put that question about the
re-peopleing of the world to show
you the kind of thing I mean.

This friend has written many
very charming books - her
"rom de plume" is Miss Brichette
her "nest of Sparrows" is beautiful
but she is an unbeliever and
I have taken some pains with

has as I thought would be such
a good thing if you could be
used in the cause of Christ -

I have a clearest man
friend who has diffi-
culties and would gladly go
into the Church if he could
overcome these. I have asked
him to put down in writing
his chief objections about
membership and so on. I might
have had answers this
morning - I will send it to
you when it comes and if it
is not giving you too much
trouble I should be grateful
of a reply. He has just left
Cambridge and is full of
devotion to God and humanity
but his mind is not well balanced.
These are the people that the
matter seems to put in my
way and give me some influence
with and I love to store my mind
with all that may help them -
So many people want a helping

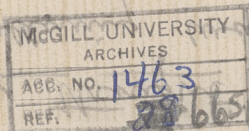
hand out of the rough of despair
who yet speak fearfully about it
and it seems to me that the great
need of life is just this help -
to point to the steps out
of the rough sea and the promise
of God and help faith in them
and it is such tremendous
assistance to bring us face to
face with the know as you
do dear Dr. Hillebrand and that is
at the same time so embarrassing
& ignorant! You need not
trouble to cite numbers in return
the enclosed letter - I answered
it yesterday - by the way
the number of years interval
between the flood and the call of
Abraham, given in Genesis is the
shorter one - but I suppose you
think the numbers in the Bible are
not quite reliable. I don't think
you have any doubt in your mind
that all humanity was destroyed
by the flood except Noah's family
have you? I did not hear whether
there were geological evidences of
a submergence all over the world
America included of course? I
should like to be clear about Noah's - with

The alchemy of -

The dogmatical utterance - "no phosphorus
no thought", might be ^{shown} translated in the
following way: ~~with some truth.~~

No phosphorus no light, because phosphorus
is an essential ingredient in a fiction match.
But even this is not in part true because
we could ~~make~~ ^{obtain phosphorus light with matches and could make} fiction matches with other
substances, and all the phosphorus in the world
would neither produce a match nor strike us
light without an intelligent center, even if no
intelligent creature were necessary to produce
phosphorus itself, and of it with all its properties
could develop from nothing by chance.
But besides this we do not know that
phosphorus in the same way any more to do with thought
than other chemical elements ~~there present~~

The bomb is a very complex substance ^{chem that}
constituted a sub-^{stance} of ^{power} batteries which ^{may}
can develop great ^{power} under the
impulse of the energy we call will
just a shell of ^{energy} ⁱⁿ electric tubes
might ^{explode} ^{and} ^{immense} ^{charge}
dynamite capable of blowing up a number
but neither the dynamite nor the
uses nor the battery nor were the
shell can be said to be the ultimate
cause of the explosion, that may be in the
will of the engineer and behind that
the decision of his employer.



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Dear Mrs. Colfax.

Do try to find time
to write & tell me if
you asked your friend
the points I mentioned
especially - concerning
the "greek" of the word
we render "Devil" -

I cannot conceive of God
creating a "Devil" - &
yet the statements of
our Saviour seem to be
pretty strong upon the

point - though, of course,
a false translation
may have altered the
whole passage.

Did he say anything
about the world being
re-peopled in ~~a~~ 397-
years - in accordance
with Genesis ~~XL~~ - 10 - vs 26?
Or about what language
Moses - spoke & must have
written in? -

I see this morning that
II Chronicles - 34 - verse 14 -
tells us of the book of the law
(by the hand of Moses - margin)
being found, after having
been lost, or disregarded
for what may be taken
as a long space of time.

It is odd that all research
in ~~Egyptology~~ Egyptology -
gives us no corroborative
evidence of the history of
Moses - of any plagues - or
of a Pharaoh being drowned
in the Red Sea. - Of course
such records may turn
up yet. Meanwhile -
Scholars seem to think
that Moses - corresponds
with a priest of Hierapolis
who changed his name from
Esarphio to "Moses." - & headed
a revolt of the "Median
people" - supposed to be the
Hebrews. - eventually flying
with them to Syria. -
If we had only "Manetho's"
history of Egypt - - burned

in the Alexandrian Library
- what a treasure it would be.
If you did mention the
subjects to your friend -
do write & tell me. -
God wout droop & die -
because we try to find out
the truth, nor will His
Son; of whose identity I
seem almost to have had
a revelation this last six
weeks. - It suddenly dawned
upon me - that God's first
creation, - before a single
star sprang into being, - must
have been someone equal
to Himself. - I cannot imagine
a "lonely God" - with us one
on His own plane, Unitarianism
of all creeds - seems to me now to
be the most idiotic. - No room
for more - May.