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Dear Sir William Dawson

I send a copy of Prof  
Macloskie's paper. at the  
discussion thereon we had some  
visitors. more than one of these  
present took up the question of  
evolution, urging, as one F.R.S.  
said that "creation by evolution  
"was almost universally accepted."  
in regard to all nature" and man  
himself", (We have Canon Gore and  
many other clergy-eager to preach  
science rather than "Christ." - declaring  
that Adam was an Ape, in to whom

"~~the~~ God breathed ~~his~~ Spirit"

It has struck me that some  
"address" from you with the  
purpose of exposing the un-  
scientific or unwarrantable  
assumptions ~~implied~~ in such  
a theory, - some corrective -  
would be of ~~the~~ most timely  
and I believe the Institute  
could not do better than  
recognize the importance of  
such an Address by devoting

half the year Gunning  
Shaftesbury Fund, as a  
recognition of the value of  
such an address. either in  
the shape of the long tailed of  
Victoria Medal, or otherwise.

Something ought to be done  
by the Institute in this way  
and I knowing the views of  
many leaders, feel sure  
that all will recognise yourself  
as the one before whom we should  
lay the necessity that is laid  
on us. to move.

With kindest regards from  
myself and Mrs Petre to  
Lady Dawson and family

Believe me

most sincerely

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L. Dawson Esq

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