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My dear Dr Dawson

You have added to the pleasure & advantage by your successful synopsis & lucid arrangement of your ~~quintessence~~ work on primitive geology just published in which for the first time the whole subject is fully & consecutively treated & certain abstract theories committed to the deep. I am very glad to find that you have first force than to expend ~~it~~ and secondly that you have expended ~~it~~ in this direction, & I am thankful to have lived to see it accomplished.

Although laid aside, now for several years, by the ~~own~~ effects of age & pleurisy & rheumatism yet I may still take a lively interest in onlooker & thus I rejoice in your

new volume, not only as an addition to knowledge
but as affording an invaluable vindication of written
truth but as a good step Christ-ward in the
science. Pray don't trouble to reply... I am
really hors de combat,

our (+ my special) friend Prestwich has a
most peaceful & deliberate end not without
good hope.

I trust that ~~Mr~~ Lady Dawson is in good
health... as is Mrs Patten. If I discern your
name a line in the coming entourage of the royal
commemoration we shall be happy to pay our
respects

Yours faithfully

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