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Maripfield Victoria B.C.

20 July 1898

My dear Sir William Dawson

I offer no apology for troubling you with a small request, hoping that as we are of the same family, & contending for the same <sup>cause,</sup> though strangers, I shall not be deemed unportioned. You are, through your writings, like a familiar friend to me & to many. Your last work I pro-

ceeded I read, and, though through my small acquaintance with scientific nomenclature, difficult, I found it strangely fascinating.

But what I want to ask you is this. I wish to publish a small work on "Evolution"; a twenty year old Lecture, resurrected Notes before the Ministerial Association here, & received with a cordiality which I did not expect, and which now, with its various points extended, will

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reach the proportions of a small volume.  
It possesses no literary, still less scientific,  
merits. Whether it succeed or fail, I wish  
by its means to bear my feeble testimony  
before I depart against an insane theory,  
the sole motive of which is to disparage the  
word & work of the Son of God - at the same  
time confining my effort to the lines of the  
Common Philosophy, leaving the super-  
-natural to take care of itself.

But it is not to bid <sup>for</sup> your attention  
to a mountain in labour that I write,  
but simply, in my inexperience in affairs  
of publication, to ask you one or two ques-  
-tions; at least I ventured to hope you  
would tell me whether you are on the whole  
satisfied with Hilder & Stonington;  
whether they are very expensive, as I  
think I am able to defray the cost of an  
edition myself, though open to a proposal  
I should <sup>they</sup> see fit to make an offer. Also whether  
you find disadvantages in printing  
so far off, or risk to MSS; and whether  
you think it necessary to see proof

<sup>3</sup> before publication.

This is all I ask. Though any gratuitous information added will be gratefully received.

Trusting you may be spared to deal many more blows to this imprudent speculation, believe me,

Yr dear Sir William,

Ever Sincerely Yours

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