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Sir,

May I ask you a favour? I have written an article to the "Edinburgh", a Glasgow paper, on "Genesis & Geology", & I shall deem it a great kindness, if you will tell me whether the article is a success or not. I enclose it for your personal opinion.

Three or four years <sup>ago</sup> some correspondence took place in the London "Times" between the late Professor Huxley & Canon Giddleston on this subject. The Professor tried to show that Moses had put the whales among the insects & the insects or "creeping thing" among the mammals. The Canon pointed out that Laminium meant reptiles & not "whales" or "sea-monsters" & that "creeping thing" meant sometimes small mammals, such as rats, mice, &c. The same Pro-

Professor Huxley, when he saw that he was driven into a corner, replied that Hoes had omitted all mention of the marsupials & as there was no reply on the part of the Canon, the Professor thought that he had got the best of the correspondence - that he was in fact victorious. The Canon had not the wit to see that, if shantz meant a small placental mammal, it meant equally well a small marsupial mammal. Both are mammals.

Hoes mentions in Genesis I. shantz three times & on one occasion (verse 21) in conjunction with taminim. Now, as the reptiles & marsupials were contemporaries, we may, I think, fairly argue that Hoes was thinking of the marsupial mammal when he mentions shantz conjunctly with taminim, though at the same time, too, he may have been thinking of the smaller reptiles, for, if you not mistaken, shantz means almost any animal, great or small. like all



primitive languages the Hebrew language is very limited in its vocabulary, but the writer of Genesis I. uses the best & the most fitting words at his command.

I strongly beg you will be good enough to read my article in the "Bulwer" (I have cut it out & enclose it) & let me have your opinion respecting its success or otherwise. I hope you will criticize it, either favourably or unfavourably, & let me have your criticism. A little friendly criticism helps us very often to arrive at the truth.

Thanking you by way of anticipation for your kindly criticism & reply -

I have the honour to remain, Sir, Your  
most obedient & most humble Servant,

L. Lewis.

Sir J. O. Dawson,  
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