

Peter Bell - husband  
of Jane

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My dear Sir

I have the pleasure to  
acknowledge receipt of copy of  
your last published work, "Fossil  
Men & their modern representatives",  
for which I heartily thank you.

I have begun to read it, and am  
much interested, and hope to go on till  
I get through it. My leisure is  
very limited now, which may sound  
very strange, but the fact is, I need  
more time for absolute rest after

the labours of the day are over,  
when I am enabled either to read or  
write for a time. Nevertheless, I  
have much to be thankful for, as  
I enjoy good health although not  
so strong as I was years ago.

I hear of you and your family  
Circle from time to time, as Christina  
keeps up correspondence with one  
or other of your family. We  
were all delighted to hear of the  
marked success of Master William  
Rankine, and of the welfare  
of your home circle altogether.

I have really no news to tell you -  
as a family we are all pretty well -  
Annie is in Derbyshire at her  
brother Gordon's, as she needed a  
change, having exhausted her strength  
visiting upon a friend who was un-  
well - a lady with whom she was  
very intimate - but it was too much  
for her, as it is not robust. She  
is much improved with her stay at  
Etwall, and we hope she will be  
much renovated when she returns  
home -

The new typography is in full operation  
now, and there is the prospect of



a busy Summer Session & of a  
busier Winter Session when it  
arrives. It is a noble teachers  
and answers the purposes of its  
existence very well -

our united kind regards to Mrs  
Dawson, yourself, and all the  
family -  
Yours very sincerely  
Peter Hill

Principal Dawson  
McGill College  
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