

St. William
My W. Toronto

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My Dear Dr. Dawson

I am exceedingly grateful for the kind invitation of Mrs Dawson and yourself, asking Mrs Wilson and me to take up our abode at your house during the meeting of the Provincial Synod of the Ch. of England. It would have afforded me much pleasure to have done so; but months before my election as a Delegate, the Rev. Maurice Baldwin

was here with his bride,
and assuming my
election as probable,
pressed us to accept his
hospitality.

Unfortunates I fear
Mrs Wilson will not be
able to join me, which
she regrets in no slight
degree on account of
the pleasure she had
anticipated in cultivating
Mrs Dawson's acquaintance.

What say you to Sir
Wm Thomson's mode of

saving the Creator the
trouble of originating
life on our little
planet; by borrowing its
germs from some
chance meteorite?

It seems to me an
amusing evasion of a
supposed difficulty; like
the old Hindu cosmogony
in wh. the earth stands on
the elephant, and the
elephant on the tortoise;
but we are as far as
ever from any substantial
final support. If it be an

axiom of science that life
proceeds from life; unless
it has existed from all
eternity, this is surely a
poor evasion of its
origin.

With kindest greetings
to Mrs Dawson; and
also to my friend Miss
Anna, from Mr Wilson
and self.

Believe me most truly
Yours

D. M. Wilson.