

Copy to Macaulay

M^c Gill College.

Montreal.

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My dear Sir,

I have two little literary enterprises at present on foot; both rather less heavy and venturesome than the somewhat daring enterprise to which you and our friend Mr. Putnam tempted me year before last. One is a series of sketches of incidents, adventures and experiences in my scientific expeditions and work in this country. The other is a series
of Macaulay

of familiar yet I think
presently exhaustive
lessons on the uses
of Natural objects in
the Bible. The former
I am now jotting down
with intent to make
use of them sometimes,
the latter I am using
weekly in lectures to a
large class of young people.

It occurs to me
to say to you that
if either would be
of any use to you

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as your publications, it
would give me much
pleasure to throw them
into shape, by way of
giving them some wide
and immediate circula-
tion.

In the last mentioned
series, I have taken up
Cosmical subjects, as the Earth
the atmosphere, the Sea; Mineral
Substances, as Metals, Stones;
Plants and Vegetable Products
— The Palm the Lilies, Spices,
&c. I am now going on
with Animals & animal
products, Coral & Pearls, the
Savent, the Ant, &c. I

think all these subjects
admit of a better treatment
than they usually receive,
from the non-naturalist scholars,
and non-biblical & linguistic
naturalists who usually handle
them.

The former series, if pub-
lished now, should be among
ours; and would go into
life and things in these countries
with a spice of new scientific
facts, scenery, &c; with illustrations
pencil sketches if desired.

Please do not trouble
to answer this, unless you would
wish me to do anything in
either way; as I do not
mean to offer them in
any other quarter.

Shooler & Boughton are
gradually putting into type their
reprint of the former articles; which
I hope will be successful. Truly yours
M. D. W. D.