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grants both in science and in finance
Pattison a most remarkable and good
man has spoken to me very gratefully
about you & yours at his late visit
to Montreal

The very admirable pastor I attend has a
son, the exact double of your George - He
sent him to Ceylon as a coffee planter -
but dysentery seized him & he had to re-
turn - His father did not know what to
do - when the clever lad was taken into
the Antiquarian department of the British
Museum at £200 per Ann - & a rising salary

I have exhausted your patience but still
must add that I fear you will like soothing the post
exhaust your mind - a terrible thought -
I am rather stronger - mine was really a palsy -
I have always been cheerful and am so - All through
a long life every one has been very kind to me - except
Dr Somerville, the great M^{rs} Somerville's husband - He repented
and would introduce to his handsome & learned wife.

My kindest remembrances to M^{rs} Dawson and M^{rs} Harrington
Yours as ever

J. S. B.

Many thanks for your letter of Nov. 20/76 Jan^y
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My dear Dawson

I desire firstly to return to
kind Mrs Dawson my hearty thanks
for remembering me by her pretty
card. It came upon me as a most
agreeable surprise after a separation
of very many years - I beg to enclose
a letter of Ruskin's which I think will
interest her - as being solid, deep, true, bright
and likely to do good - Write Mrs Dawson
many and various objects of profound
interest inimedately around her, that she
should throw a glance of christian love
across the Atlantic is indeed wonderful.
I am glad you have good accounts of
your son, now in Europe - Old and young
for little as I am, I shall be glad to see
him -
I have read with great pleasure your
brochure on Evolution and Huxley -

14 days ago, I sent you clever lectures of the
King's Institute
Accept, dear Mrs Dawson

I have not the subject sufficiently in
command to make any remarks on it
of use to you - but I am particularly
glad to see that however strong, distinct
and trenchant your opposition is to the
said hypothesis your language in regard
to Huxley himself is worthy of you both -

I take Huxley to be a man of good deed
between man and man, in spite of some
bad notions - I have seen a good deal of him
- and that is the report of Parker F.R.S.
(on skulls) and the doctor to Huxley's family
- both friends of mine. Parker is a Weyman
of a sweet character - & of rare talent -

The Geolog. Soc. Lond. is flourishing in
every way - The Greenoughs, Murchisons
Hornes, ^{Salter} Hopkins &c are extinct - and a new
sch of writers & debaters full of matter occu-
p^y their places - ^{Hulke} Judd, Ramsay, Duncan
Etheridge, Hicks, Linnæus &c &c - These new
minds bring some new light to new subjects
(Mesozoic & Tertiary Palæon-
tology)

Great lamentation is made over D. Forbes.
His wife died a little while ago - It brought
on great depression and confusion of mind
He has left 5 children well provided for -
Kate (now Prof of Nat. Hist in Australia) &
Rev. Mr Blake have just published a super-
rior octavo on the Jurassic of Yorkshire
Dacotins & Gickie have done good in
their lines - Duncan & Dallas, I think
are overworking themselves for bookselling

Both have large families -
Taylor and Francis are at p 273 of my
new Thesaurus - I only get 4 pages a week
and sometimes less in spite of my urgent
intreaties -

My medal is done and will be awarded
this next February - It is handsome -
costs £76 - Not a rich man, and
paying for it ^{not my relations} myself I give the Society
£200 to pay the biennial expenses
Murchison left with his medal £1000
and Sir C. Lyell £2000 - but they
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