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My dear Dawson 89 Gls. St

Having just received the details of  
the 4000 and £1000 Roy. Society  
distributions I send it to you - as  
perhaps you may not see them

I am sorry to see your name  
omitted - My age and infirmities  
- my position in science now make  
it impossible to be of any service  
in these affairs - and a great fight  
is evidently coming between the friends  
of Christ - and some of science, who  
are numerous - two or three standing  
at their head publicly and actively  
Read the elaborate and well intentioned  
attack

on Tyndall in the Quarterly Review for  
January 1878. It must lead to replies  
rejoinders &c. - I was glad to see  
that Christianity has a friend or two  
left - Altho' the paper has much merit  
and has no ungentlemanly scolding in  
it - it wants point, directness and  
concentration. - The writer I do not  
know - When I know I will tell you

It may be Bicks a clean Cambridge  
professor - or Carruthers, who writes  
well on such subjects - I know but then  
your last book - which is spoken of  
here very admiringly -

I think evolution a la Darwin is  
making no way in England - George  
Laffries, William  
son

of Manchester have written against it -  
Berrande - very forcibly -

Typical in personal intercourse is  
modest, obliging and helpful - and  
Huxley is actually fond of helping  
others - Therefore the pity is very great  
all classes of society in England are  
in various extremes - with wide distances  
between them - Less very wonderful -

The Church of England, bleeding and  
wounded, sadly wants a Samaritan  
Bishops frightened for their salaries  
and originally ill chosen (mostly)

My Thesaurus is on the point of  
going to the binder - Its form has

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made it very expensive — Of course  
like its predecessor, it will have small  
sales — but I have had pleasure in com-  
-posing it — and it is a sound and  
conscientiously written, really useful  
book — Huxley may perhaps get an  
additional allowance —  
The printer is to be blamed for its being  
so long on hand —

Commaled me to the friendly remembrance  
of Mr Dawson, of George & of Mr Harry  
-ton — I have not heard of your son in  
Paris — I am, my dear Dawson

Your obliged friend  
J. P. Bigsley

Judd Prof of Geol. &

with his materials is now transferred to South  
Kensington

The new President. G. Soc: is an  
amiable man — and will be liked —