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Dr Dawson

Dear Sir -

I have written to you
several times about biological
matters. In all your works
on Geology you say that so far
there is no sign of plants before
animal life. (No one puts plants
first). But Dr. Nicholson (now
of Toronto) in his Text-Book of
Geology, says on page 126, that
"There is good reason to believe that
the graphite of the Laurentian rocks
is nothing more than metamorphic
Coal, and that it is derived from
vegetables which flourished dur-
ing the Laurentian period." What
at

J. L. Swan the Presbyterian Minister
has - on a vacation - has in-
structed a few years ago -
can personally reprimand both you,
though you may not remember me -

do you think of that statement?
If there were vegetables during
the Laurentian period, would
that not agree with the Bible
order — Plants before Animal
Creation?

What do you think
of Dr Campbell's "Story of Creation"?

And what do you think of
Warring's "Miracle of Today"?

By the way, who is Warring?

When can I get the best
Geological Glossary? I am
studying these things, and hence
my excuse for troubling you.
Excuse me in haste.

Yours truly,
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