

Saugerties, N.Y., Jan. 11th 1879.
Dr. J. W. Dawson, McGill Univ.
Montreal,

Dear Sir, Can.

I have just been reading, for the first time, your book *The Origin of the World*. It has afforded me great pleasure and profit. This is a topic upon which I have thought and written somewhat, and ^{am} therefore greatly interested in what you have so truthfully and ably written.

Some days ago, I sent you a paper containing an article entitled *The Bible and Science*; to which I desire to call your attention. The lapse of time for the completion of each part of the work, you have applied to

the account of the creation, beginning with the third verse. I have applied the same to the first and second verses.

The "heavens" created, and long afterwards, the "earth"; the earth "empty, very empty," and long afterwards, "darkness upon the face of the deep"; the period of great winds during a still later age; the manner in which light was produced; the translation of the ~~class~~ at the end of each creative period; the formation of the atmosphere; the gradual appearance of the "Sun," "moon" and "stars"; are the points to which I wish to call your attention.

Several able men, including Professors of Colleges, have written me, noticing favorably my article, and, up to this time,

no one has attempted to
point out any errors in
the same. It is an honest
effort on my part to arrive
at the truth; and if it is not
truth, you will do a good work
by pointing out the errors.

Very Respectfully Yours
A. B. Wiggins.

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