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My dear Sir William Dawson,

I am taking the liberty of
sending you the current number of the Lahore
Church Gazette; because, if you will be so
good as to read through it, you will in several
places notice that the valuable work you
are doing is not by any means unknown in
the far East. In fact I heard of a missionary
in the extreme south of India, who said he owed
much to the perusal of your books. I hope
you will ^{allow me} as a graduate of McGill University,
to say how interested (if that is a strong enough
word) I was to see in the papers that you
had been elected President of the British
Association. It took me back in thought to the

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Dear Sir

old days when in company with others I used to go on Saturday Evings to your house, when you gave us by word of mouth the sum & substance of Archaia & some of your other books -

I hope you will allow me to say that the Bible lessons then taught have really exerted a great influence on my life & have been most useful in many ways -

I act as honorary editor of the Labour Church Gazette - a paper in which reference is often made to your name - There is so much agnosticism & unbelief in India that one needs to do all one can to give our readers a reason for the hope that

is in us -
Would you think me to outbreme, if I asked you a question? In the days when I attended your lectures, you were always glad to

unravel difficulties - Here then is one which I have
talked over & over without any satisfactory solution
with a medical missionary with whom I went
a long itineration across the Snowy Range of
the Himalayas to the iron-bound upper valley of
the Indus on the borders of Tibet - We beguiled
many a weary march with discussions on the
a hundred subjects - One thing which greatly
puzzles him, as a medical man, & on which
I should like to relieve his mind is the
scientific explanation (if any there be) or
"reconciliation" of woman being formed out
of a rib of the Man if you will kindly jot
down your thoughts on this subject, I am
sure that not only he & I, but also the readers
of our Gazette would be much interested -
I dare say you may be interested to

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know that I am chaplain of St. Andrew's Church
Lahore & have charge of the Railway community.
Railways have introduced a great many
Europeans into India & there is a great field
of usefulness in ministering to their spiritual
needs. They are quite different to the typical
Anglo Indian, as they are domiciled in the
country & are beginning to change what was
once a mere "garrison" into something like a
British Colony -

I hope that my old Alma Mater is
in health & that you are sending out a
supply of good men to do what is right in
Canada -

I have presumed all through this letter that
you remember me - By a reference to your
University Calendar of 1866 (20 years ago!) you
will see amongst the B.A. graduates the name of

Yours Faithfully

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