

Elders Mills, Ont

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Sir J. W. Dawson

My dear Sir

I was sorry to learn from the Witness that you had bent yourself at Little Mitis, but I was glad to learn that your bent was not a serious one. I hope that you will soon be all right again.

There is a question in which I would like a little information if it be not asking too much. I have about finished

a review of the late Abp Lynch's
controversial work. At the close
he says "As the geology of the
world all the discoveries prove
the Darwinian theory to be an ab-
lucination." This is a specimen
of "the Archbishop's English." We
need not say "geology of the world"
as we do not trouble ourselves about
the geology of the sun, moon, and
stars. But what I have specially
in view is what follows. He next
says, "Fossils have been found in
the strata and drifts of every age
of the world." Now I would like
to know in what strata besides
granite no fossils ~~are~~ are found.
It seems to me not correct to

speaks of the "drift" of every age
of the world. A few words from
you on these points - if it be not
asking too much - I shall very
thankfully receive.

The other day I was airing
a few things now belonging to my
mother. One was the dress which
Lady Dawson gave her. Whenever
I handle it I think of the ma-
ny times I helped her on and off
with it. I have folded it up with
a good deal of tar paper to keep
moths from it.

My lady relative who has
been keeping house for me is about
to go to the United States via the
United State. The young man

with whom she is going to travel
is here at present. He is going to
be a "Methody" minister. His ideas
of Calvinism are most outrageous.

Predetermination sets his voice arms
and legs in lively exercise. He wiggles
and squirms when I speak
of God's preknowledge from all eter-

nity. I never can get him to give
"a categorical answer" on that point.

He is afraid to admit God's pre-
knowledge from all eternity lest
he be drawn into the rapids and
carried over the Falls of Calvinism.

He stoutly maintains that Christ's
death was not decreed till after
man fell. Really a good deal of
his language is of an infidel cast.

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