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Sir William Dawson  
Montreal, Canada

My dear Sir:

I have just received your very kind letter of Aug. 19, and wish to thank you most sincerely for your kindness in sending me a copy of your book. I am sorry that I did not see it before I wrote my little essay on the Dead Sea, and shall certainly read it with much interest when I return to Washington. I have a strong desire to visit Palestine and see for myself how much of its quaternary history can be read, but don't expect that the opportunity will ever come.

This summer in company with Prof. Alpheus Hyatt, I am studying the Trier and Lure of the Far West. I remain, very respectfully,  
J. C. Russell

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