

SHEFFIELD SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL OF YALE COLLEGE,

New Haven, Connecticut, Nov. 8 /88

Sir J. William Dawson

My dear Sir -

I am very grateful to you for your kind reply to my request. I need hardly assure you that your opinion is not for publication or any improper use. Editors regard their periodicals as a trust and when I appear with such papers they want assurance that any science is sound, not pseudo-science or likely to cause criticism and antagonism from those whom I prefer to represent. For this purpose only I want an opinion as to method and argument - and facts from scientific standpoint. My opinion of course does not count. Yours will.

I consider sound analogy and verifiable hypotheses as legitimate scientific instruments as history of all great scientific generalizations proves. I have not

you outside of accepted scientific facts
& theories and therefore think I am
scientific. I do not ask agreement or
criticism, or commendation, though from you
all would be welcome and valuable.

But as a student may make errors in the
laboratory and his work be invalidated
still conviction of that would not involve
denial of his principles or methods as
scientific, so I ask the same judgement
not as to all my conclusions but as to
method. With this if favorable I can
probably secure a hearing. I send Nos. 1 2
& 3. No 3 I should be glad to have you
keep if you care to. The others I must
beg to have returned as my stock is
very limited. No 4, Science & Miracle
is the one I specially wish to get before
the public. It is the only view I know of
which science can admit and the clergy
accept. But it is in MS. I hope to have
a type written copy soon, but shall not.

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send it unless you care to ask for it,
as I have already taxed your time
and kindness more than I have any
right to. A statement that my
work would not be repudiated in your
opinion by scientific men as un sound
science, even though they differed in
view, is what the editor would want.

Anything you choose to add beyond that
I should value highly for myself and
all I should consider as strictly
private.

With very many thanks for your
courtesy I remain

Very respectfully Yours

A. J. du Bois -

To Mrs
Puffer

Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.