

Charleston, S. C.,
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Prof. Dawson,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:

Will you please inform me if you have published any thing lately on the subject of Evolution? If so, I would be greatly obliged if you would let me know where to find it. Do you still adhere to the views expressed in "The Story of Earth & of Man", & particularly to what you there say about evolution as "one of the strangest phenomena of humanity" &c? I ask this because of the

bold, unqualified assertion
of Prof. Le Conte that evolution
is proved - thoroughly established,
& that "the consensus of scientific
& philosophic opinion is already
well nigh, if not wholly, com=
plete". Is this true? Has
any important additional
evidence been discovered, in
the last ten years, in support
of the theory?

Can you name any
distinguished scientists
who have changed their
opinions in this respect
within, say, the last
ten years?

Have you looked into
Le Conte's book? & if so
would you ~~prefer~~ ^{object} to giving
me very briefly your

opinion of its merits
& the validity of his
proofs?

If you will be kind
enough to answer my
inquiries, I will make
no public use of any
thing you may write
without your consent.

I am inquiring for my
own individual information.

If it is trespassing
too much on your time
& patience, I will have no
right to complain if you
decline an answer; but
if you favor me with
a reply I will thank
you very much.

Very Resp^{ly} & Truly
Y^{rs} W. A. Campbell.

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