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Sir. J. W. Dawson. F.R.S

My Dear Sir

I am especially pleased to announce to you the arrival of your splendid book on "Modern Ideas of Evolution" which I would have acknowledged some time ago but have been waiting for a favourable opportunity of seeing the book, the amount of careful study it most certainly deserves. That opportunity having arrived I make haste to thank you most sincerely for so kindly forwarding the book for my perusal which has I am glad to say resulted in pleasure and profit not only to myself but to others like minded. I am pleased to inform you that it has accomplished its mission, at any rate to me, for it has cleared my horizon and I can see better now than ever I was able before the value of the hypothesis which is considered so fascinating and clear.

and my grateful thanks are due to
you for forwarding such an interesting
and moreover good and noble book.

I can promise that whenever the chance
occurs, I shall not be slow, both to promulgate
the doctrines, or to recommend my friends
to purchase the book which I consider
to be the very best way of thanking you
for putting such thoughts as set forth in
your volume, before me. and for leading
me so successfully over the morass and pen-
of difficulty, till the night has come
and I see and feel the glorious dawn
of truth. I only hope that your life
may be spared and that you will
make a blessing to young men, who
in this age of intellectual unrest, are so
apt to be led away, by new and fascinating
theories of religion and life, as you have
been to

Yours Very Gratefully
James Marsden

Rev. J. W. Dawson. F.R.S