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THE GLADE,
HAMPSTEAD HEATH, N. W.

Dear Mr William

I am thankful to hear that you
are better, & I trust that you may
yet be spared to do some foundation
work for the Faith. On receipt of yr.
two letters I resolved to screw up my
courage & go to the Ed: Expositor
who is really a neighbour tho' I
never called on him before.

He was most friendly, & he desires
me to say that if you will write
a paper dealing w. Prof. Norton's
Essay & showing where ~~it~~ it
fails to commend itself to you he
will gratefully insert it. For
myself I also hope you will

do this. I have not read the reports
of late having had other things
were pressing - I have been for some
years inclined to the idea that the
pre-patriarchal documents are translations
from some pre-Hebrew tongue; but
taking them as they stand the 1st of
Genesis being pre-human must either
be a revelation or an invention &
in the latter case it must be based
on a remarkable amount of skilled
research w^{ch} almost amounts to
a revelation. At any rate it is
presupposed all the way thro',
In some papers I printed in the
Record on "the 1st v. of the Bible"
I took the view that the 7 processes

answer to the 7 preparations of
earth for the habitation of our first
parents after the previous diluvium
which marked the end of the
~~the~~ last stratum. This view
is to say the least consistent with
Zuñer, that we have the
history of our earth in brief.

Geological history, like human
history, may be said to repeat
itself after each stratification.

At any rate it cannot but be
right that you sh^d call attention

to the remarkable features of
the chapter as illustrated

by the stages of deposit beneath
our feet: I am just bring out in
the aug: Churchman a paper on
some linguistic peculiarities of Gen,
& I hope in Dec^r to finish (D.V.)
an edition of Deut. w. questions
fr. or Biblical writers in extenso, we
will send 7 front to examine the reader
that we have here the farewell
address of Moses & not a
Commonly devised fable.

I hope that your son (whose book
is reviewed - today's Times) is
walking in sp. styles.

With kindest remembrance, &
respect to Lady Dawson I am,
yours truly
A. B. Siddleston