

March 8th

My dear Gray

I have sent some more m.s. & I sh. be extremely glad if they are not too late for the Edition. If the long addition for p. 126 is too late, that at p. 336 cannot be inserted, as they hang together - unless indeed the m.s. at p. 126 were given as a supplement. These additions seem to me, judging from number of letters which I have received on the subject of some little importance. - I will for future keep to your resolution of not writing more than on the origin. So that you need not fear my giving more trouble. Most sincerely do I thank you from my heart for all your generous kindness, & interest about my book. If there be any profit I am not so foolish as to despise it, but you are perfectly right that I can more for a good & corrected American edition; & it is to simple truth that I sh. be infinitely pleased to ~~see~~ share profits with you; & this will be fair in many ways. Your truly admirable Review will make a most useful profit, as I hope to Publishers will agree. Believe me that I fully appreciate your interest in taking such great trouble about my Book. - I have not yet been able to read coolly a second time all your Review; I have had to lend it to so many persons. - I have had a long letter from Dr. Booth, full of the most noble love of truth & candour. He goes far with me, but cannot swallow all. No one could until he had enlarged his gullet of years practice, as in your case. - You ask about *Formica Da*

I am his grandson. - How extraordinary is the state of mind of
Ageing: it is, as you say, a case of "senile madness." Even
after much shuffling & secrecy; with bitter sneers to some & modified
sympathy to others, he just spoken out the he rejects of views on
the ground of the imperfection of the geological record. Now this is just
the subject on which he knows nothing; for in his life he has never
examined a single stratum. I can count in England 4 geological
concepts & 8 or 9 other naturalists. I hear the Thwaites of Ceylon is
one. - Did you see Harney in G. Chronicle versus the Origin; the
article. I thought rather weak; & Huxley's answer admirably good.
I send Macmillan, not that it is worth sending; look at the
views at the end of following article! Farewell my kind
friend. Believe me yours most sincerely
C. Darwin

If possible I sh^d like at of curious to receive
through Murray of Albemarle the a copy of the
American Edition -

P.S. Since the above was written I have received Appleton's
letter to you with his P.S. - I much fear that the
additions herewith sent will be too late.

You might tell the Appletons that I mean to leave
all future edition of the "Origin" (as far as I can tell)
in its present state with the additions now sent.

Heartly thanks about the money, I shall have thought
the 50 ^{& a bird in hand worth two in the bush.} very handsome. - With renewed thanks

Yours
C. D.



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