

My dear George.

Dear Emily West

May 22nd 1860 (?)

Again I have to thank you for one
(of May 7th)
of your very pleasant letters, enclosing a very pleasant
remittance of 22 £. - I am in simple truth astounded
at the kind thought you have taken for me. I
return Appleton's account. - For the chance of your writing
for a formal acknowledgment, I send one. - If you have
any further communication, pray express your acknowledgments
for his generosity; for it is generosity in your opinion.
I am not at all surprised at such liberality:
your extreme interest in the question of sale. No fault
to public has been shamefully imposed on! for they
bought the book, thinking that it was no more
easy reading. I asked the sale to stop soon in
England: yet Bell wrote to me the other day that
selling it was 48 hours. - I am extremely glad that you
will notice ^{in the} additions in the ^{original} journal. Judging from letters
(I have just seen one from Thwaites to Hooker) & remarks, the most
serious criticism in your book was not explaining how it is, as I
believe, the all from so not necessary advance, - but
then can we be simple organism still existing. - The
article in Med. & Chem. Review is of Carpenter. - I would
send Pictet's, if you cannot see it, but I sh^d. advise

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it back. - Sedgwick has been living broadside at us, but clearing up ^{fully that} the chief characteristics of his books as mine is their "consummate impudence" - I hear there is very severe review on the 2 in North British & a Rev. in Dundee, a free-kick minister & I suppose in high. thit. I think he is glad to see any good American Reviews, - as to me all men are left useful. - You say that you shall touch on the Reviews. - Hawley told me some time ago that after a time he would write review on all Reviews, whether he will I know not. - If you allude to Edinburgh, I will write some of the points which I will point out on separate sheets. In "Saturday Review" (one of our clearest periodicals) of May 5. 1873 there is a nice article on Owen's Review, & the latter I think Owen treats depending Hawley. but not Horner; ~~but~~ But surely you will set sick unto death most ungenerously. - I am a Reviewer. - I will revert to the theological view of the question; this is always painful to me. - I am bewildered. - I had no intention to write atheistically. But I am that I cannot see, in plainness - then so, & as I do not wish to do, evidence of design & beneficence on the side of us. There seems to me too much misery in the world. I cannot persuade myself that a beneficent & omnipotent God would have designedly created the Ichneumonidae with the express intention of their feeding within the living bodies of caterpillars, or that a cat should play with mice. In believing this, I see no

Prof Asa Gray ³⁷ for Mr. Darwin

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Statement of the Sale of "Origin of Species" to May 1st, 1860

On hand last account, . . .	my	On hand this date, . . .	250	
Printed since Jan'y /60 . . .	1500	In hands of Booksellers, . . .	200	550
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March /60 . . .	500	Sold to date, . . .		1750
	2500			2500

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h. 489. I think I told you of the illiberality of
 men about the Branchica; he having in under-
 =standing water fully admitted that the Branchica
 was Branchica

496 What a quibble to pretend he did not understand
 what I meant of institutions of S. America; & again
 would suppose that I had not thought of volume
 touched on Geograph. Distrib. He ignores ^{also} everything
 which I have said on Classification, Geology
 Succession. Homologies, Embryology & Rudimentary Organs.

500 He falsely applies what I said (too mildly)
 about "Residence of preconceived opinions" to those
 who believe in creation; whereas I exclusively
 apply to remarks to those who give up
 multitudes of species in the species, but believe
 in remainder.

h. 501. He slightly alters what I say, - I
 ask whether creationists really believe the
 elevated animals have flashed into life.
 He says I describe them as so believing;
 & then says in a difference, -

501. He speaks of my "clamouring against"
 all who believe in creation; & then seeks to turn
 an unjust accusation.

522 - He makes us say that to Dorsal
vertebra say - this is simply false: I have
say a word about Dorsal vertebra.

525. What an illiberal sentence that is about
"any pretension to condone" & that of
pushing those barriers which stopped science;
such an argument would stop any
progress in science.

530 How disingenuous to put forward my remark
to you about my brief letter, as if it
applied to other subjects.

530. How disingenuous to say that we are
called on to accept the things, from the
imperfection of geological Record, when I
over & over again have given a difficulty
to imperfection of fossils.

549. How often the abominable action
Bears has been made to worry me;
but when is false, when he says the
the case has no application, as put in
by 2^d Edit, for it certainly would
illustrate "disrupted & changed habits" of
life. —

512. It is a good joke that the Reviewer is
so full of Owen with that he refers
to "the nature of the prints," when
he means to refer to the book & give
right page; but allusion to imitation.

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