

Down

Beckenham

Kent

Jan. 15. '72

My dear Gray,

I have taken up an old subject which formerly interested me, namely the amount of earth brought to the surface by worms.

I want to know whether you have in the States on the little vermiform piles of earth which are so common on our lawns fields woods & waste lands.

Are they as numerous with you as they are with us?

I should have assumed that this would naturally be the case had it not occurred to me that the severe winter might make all the difference. -

A very few lines in answer would suffice. - It just occurs to me that if you had any correspondent in the Northern parts of Canada you might send this letter to him and then get me some additional information

on the subject. - Overworked as you are I hope you will forgive me for troubling you.

Many thanks for Agassiz's letter which from the handwriting I infer you sent me. Pray give our very kind remembrance,

to Mrs Gray and

Believe me

Yours very sincerely

Ch. Darwin



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