

My Dear Mr. Wallace

I am reading with much interest and gratification your Island Life, and have gone nearly through the first part.

When treating of the general persistence of continents and oceans and citing some geological authorities you ~~might have been~~ ^{would have} glad to know that you have what of my countryman Prof. Dana, I think it was as early as the year 1845 - that he laid this down very simply in an address as Prof. of the Am. Ass. for ^{the} Advancement of Science. I do not know if it is made prominent in his Geology.

The close of your chapt. VII, p. 119, 120, would so completely serve for an abstract of the subject of a published lecture of mine which you once did me the honor to command that I should have been pleased if you had referred to it upon this occasion.

Always sincerely yours,

Frederick

Emerson



Gray, Asa. 1838. "Gray, Asa undated [to Alfred R. Wallace]." *Asa Gray correspondence : letters from Asa Gray to various individuals*

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