

Arlow, June 26, 1875 -

Prof. & Mr. Gray, L.D.S.

My dear Sir -

I write to

say that I shall be unable to come down to Cambridge on Commencement day. Some things connected with the anniversary here require my presence at home.

Permit me to say further, that a fresh perusal of your Atlantic Monthly articles impresses me anew with the great value not only of them but of what else you have written upon that subject. The infidel class of Darwinian expositors have held the ear of the public entirely too much, and have needlessly added to the alarm of orthodox people.

And such opponents as Hodge and Samson have made matters still more.

It strikes me you would confer a great favor upon the world, if you would collect your writings upon this subject and publish them together, so that they would be accessible to students



generally. Let it include, say, the At-  
lantic articles with those in Freeman's  
Journal, and those that form rational  
evidences I have <sup>in my own mind</sup> ~~in my own mind~~ <sup>collected</sup> & you  
in the Nation. Your I believe ac-  
cess also should be included, as well  
for the <sup>exquisite</sup> ~~short~~ manner in which it illus-  
trates the method and force of inductive  
reasoning, as for the sagacious philo-  
sophical remarks with which it closes.

There is yet an immense amount of  
prejudice and mis conception upon  
this subject to be removed. It was  
your Christian faith and your clearness of  
conception and statement that, when  
once I had access to a library where I  
could find what had been written  
on the subject, were the most im-  
portant factors in leading me to my  
present views. If ministers could more  
easily secure your writings, it would  
lead, I have no doubt, to a more rea-  
sonable consideration of the subject than  
now prevails.

It was at Prof. Parker's suggestion,  
now two years ago, that I set myself  
about preparing to write upon the  
subject. He has been in to confer



with me since I was at your house  
and as a result - I have determined to  
use what I read to you as the basis of  
four articles for the Brit. Soc. which  
I shall without committing myself too  
positively, state 1.<sup>st</sup> The Darwinian  
argument - in the form in which  
those with a theological training and an  
ordinary amount of scientific knowl-  
edge, would be most likely to feel its  
force. 2.<sup>nd</sup> The objections and modi-  
fications of his theory which have  
been suggested, with the answers that  
would be considered pertinent.

3.<sup>rd</sup> The doctrine of final Causes  
as affected by Darwinism.

4.<sup>th</sup> The adjustment - of Darwinism  
to the place in Theology which Col-  
minism had prepared for it.

These <sup>series of</sup> ~~these~~ articles will not begin before  
next April. I shall meanwhile  
be extremely glad to receive any sug-  
gestions ~~from~~ <sup>which</sup> you may deem it  
worthwhile to send me, and I should  
be glad to submit the proof to you  
for the purpose of meeting and - any  
scientific errors in to which I might  
unwittingly fall.



I thank you most - heartily for  
the attention you have already bestowed  
upon me, and for the delightful  
Sabbath I was permitted to spend  
in your family. Give my  
kindest regards to Mrs. Long, and to  
your niece. Please express to Sa. Pres-  
body my high appreciation of his  
Baccalaureate Sermon.

Yours very truly  
L. F. Wiggins.



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