

of your Cambridge & he brought
me direct from Ayrshire all
sorts of very civil speakers.
What can this mean? I hope
to find h. is a sincere
man; I had always pre-
sented that he was so. -
You may like to hear
about Reviews in y. Book.
Lodge (as I & Felt feel
certain for internal evidence)
has reviewed me severely
& unfavourably in the Spectator.
The notice includes much
abuse & is hardly fair
in several respects. He
could actually lead anyone, who

47 I posted
letter to Villarsia } Owen Bowly Kent 47
Apr. 3^d [1860]

My dear George

Although I have nothing particular
to say I must thank you
for your pleasant letter of
March 19th. - But let me say
I know what a busy man you
are, & pray do not waste
more time over me. My book,
your Review, & letters to me must
have consumed an awful
amount. In due season to time
perhaps a Review has not been
wanted; for I feel sure (as I
have again^(3rd time) used it already) that it will produce great
effect, in leading people to think,

& the is all I wish. Hooker indeed
tells me he knows cases where
your article has had this effect
& has greatly mollified opposition
to his Book. I agree largely
to all you say about "vera causa"
"theory"; "hypothesis" is mislaid in
leading you while serious in
one read I saw that some
of my remarks were rather superfluous.
It is curious that I remember well
times when the thought of
to you made me old all
over, but I have got over
those stages of the complaint,
& now make trifling particulars
of structure
& often make me very uncomfortable.

=tells. The sight of a feather
in a peacock's tail, whenever
I gaze at it, makes me
sick! Under this point of
view your story of the Black
Pigs in the ~~Englades~~ delights
me, & supports other cases, which
though founded on very good
evidence I could hardly
digest. - May keep Prof. Wyman
up to the mark about writing
to me; I sh^d, also, look in
it a great human & farmer.
If you possibly can find us
hand positively of the red
nuts. - I shall be very
curious to see Agassiz's remarks:
I met a few days ago Prof. Cooke

think there was a good chance
of becoming the most
egotistical man in all
Europe! What a proud
preeminence! — With you
have helped to make
me so, & therefore you
must forgive me if
you can. —

By dear Greg
Ever your most gratefully

C. Darwin

Gray 47
Was ignorant of geology, to suppose
that I had invented the
great gaps between successive
geological formations; instead
of its being an almost
universally admitted dogma.
But my dear old friend
Sedgwick with his noble
heart in old & in reborn
with indignation. — It is
hard to please everyone: you
may remember that in my
last letter I asked you
to leave out about the
destruction of Told Jakes this
Week: (who is head man of Irish
geological survey) & Le Hamet

how much he believed
regard of it, & thought it
not at all exaggerated!
In fact perhaps there is
means of gauging the
intensity of such times.
There has been one prolog
of a Review, namely an
opposed one of Pictet
the paleontologist in the
Brit. Univ. of Geneva,
which is perfectly fair &
just & I agree to say
what he says is one of differences
being that he states less

weight to argument in favour
& more to argument opposed,
than I do. Of all the
opposed reviews I think this
the only quite fair one, &
I never expected to see
one. Please observe that
I do not class your
Review of my memoir as
opposed, though you think
so yourself! it has done
me much too good service
- even to appear in
that rank in my eyes.
But I fear I shall worry
you with so much about
my Book. I sh^d rather



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