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My dear Sir

From Boston

I was very glad to get your photograph: I am expecting mine
which I will send off as soon as it comes. It is an
ugly affair, & I fear to fault you but live with the
Photographer. - I believe, but cannot swear, that I
wrote & told you the Wright Review had come through
London & Sw. I had been ready to read it, before Hurley
took it away. He much feared it was too general
& not sufficiently historical enough for him. This was my
impression, likewise; though I having it in my eyes, & the
shall I do with it, if Hurley does not take it? I
knew no other Review to send it to. - Since writing
last I have had several letters full of highest commendations
of your Essay: all agree, & for the best thing
written, & I do not doubt it has done the origin
much good. I have not yet heard how it has sold.
Your Review in the Chronicle. - There is to be a Review of
it in the next Edin. Rev. Phil. Journal. - I
received the letter of credit returned: I am pleased &
implied at profit for the America Ed. ^{Remember} ~~that~~
you are to be at an office about your Essay. I
peruse nothing literary, but letters in the month
U. States. Don't deem them less, to show I am
much, is doing; & Harker is with him. - Many

for two set of sheets of your Proceedings. I cannot understand
what Ageing - & living at. - You once spoke, I think,
of Prof. Bowen, as a very clever man. I th^o. have
thought him a very playful unpretentious & witty man
from his writings. If ever he agrees with me on any
one point, I shall conclude that I must be in
error on that. He never can have seen much of America
if he would seem the difference of D & Widge Duff & young
ones. - His paper about Landreth's beat everything.
I tell a brother that he might pick at his worst
individual animals & beat for them & hope to win
a prize; & he would think you not a fool, but
wise. - I believe Bowen is a metaphysician & that
is all.

I presume accounts for an entire want of common sense.
Please remember Spizenthes; if you insert a column of gaps, remember before
you withdraw it to bend or bow it towards postscriptum. Please if you
come across with Apocryphum, observe whether it catches flies as in
England. - I enclose a Photograph which has come rather
cheap, but I suppose can be ironed smooth. -

My dear Sir

Yours most truly

C. Darwin

P.S. I enclose a little Photograph made this

morning of my eldest Son

April 11th -



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