

law, physics, combination
a sign, could arise
fortuitously, when we
know that the mere
arithmetical chances
are infinitely against it.
These men have to affirm
"power and divinity", and
they attract them to physical
causes & to more vague
impressions of nature
instead of to God.

With all kind
regards to you & Mrs Gray,
in which all best join,

Ever your sincere
W. D. Bacon

P.S. Have you any light on
any delusions, phantoms, phantoms?
Sent a photo. ? W.D.

Mc Gill College. April 30/83

My dear Dr Gray,

I have had some
correspondence with your
friend Penhallour and
he has consented to be
a candidate for our
lectureship of Botany
and to come on here
to see me about it
this month. Our friends
are well disposed to him
and I am anxious
to secure a salary that
will be worthy of his
acceptance, and hope

I shall succeed, I have
a great wish to have
a special botanical
man here, and a
good one; and think
there will be a good
field for him.

I am glad to see
that you are giving
a little collection to
that very simple
man Rumanes, and
I see you are trying
to administer the road

I grant Allen for his
structure as to the
forms of leaves. It
strikes me however
that aside the method
should be
taken with these
men. They deal
with organisms, but
what right have they
to assume time, space
matter & energy, ^{without}
any creation power,
and what right
to assume that any



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