

new sort of work for me & I have
been pleased to find what a
capital guide for description, a
full exposition of the change of
species is. -

We always like to hear your
opinion on public news: my
wife is indignation has changed
the Times for the Daily News,
which I find rather dull, but
it does not much concern
me, for I read but little &
live on such foolish news,
which are read about to be
of my dear workaholic,
farewell to good friend, do
not write as long as you
are a slave to your work
farewell. - C. Darwin

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Down.
Dromley.
Kent. S.E.

Oct 29th

My dear Geary

Thanks for your interesting
little note of Oct. 3rd. - you allude
to a previous one which I have
received & am sorry for. - I
have little or nothing to say
& it is no wonder, as I live so
uniform a life. - It is a
horrid shame, busy & overworked
as you are, but I write
chiefly to ask you to get
for my Ornithologist or Oologist
answers to sundry questions,
as far as may be possible. -
I know that there is some good

man at Cambridge or Boston, whose
name I have at present
forgotten. —

As read in last note. Think
Review Huxley on Kölliker
& Flourens; you, yourself
could not have done it
better. — I had a letter
a little time ago from
a good believer in change
of species, viz B. Walsh of
Illinois. — There are good
philosophical remarks in his
papers, & for some odd cases,
philosophy is ransacked from
— entomological works

I am able now to walk on my good legs
for about 2 hours. — I think Phosphorus
iron, which I have in often used with
you, has done me good. Lady G. has
was giving me a wonderful account of
the benefit & dyspeptic lady had
received from a Philadelphia medicine,
which is imported into England & is
called "Syrup of Phosphorus". Did you
ever hear of it? I am tempted to
try it, if I knew of what it was
composed. — I am plodding on with
little success on "Laws of Variation"; &
have succeeded only in making a
disjointed skeleton on which to hang
a multitude of queer facts. But I
have not been able to resist doing
a little more at your God-child
my climbing paper or rather in
size little Book, which of you I
will have copied out, else I shall
never stop. This has been



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