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By Book post herewith 4 papers

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Dear Professor Lapworth

According to promise I sent you two or three of my little lucubrations – the paper on the Darwinian Theory (I send you the last copy I took of it) produced from the great Darwin – to whom a \_\_\_\_ Copy at the time – a complimentary letter – which I very much prize – you will gather from it that I advocated Darwinism while it was still “sick in the worlds beyond”

I had also another letter from Darwin concerning a short paper I read in the action of worms in undermining one of the nave piers in Llandaff Cathedral – but a have no copy of this paper left – A part of my Inaugral Address/1884 was printed in the Midland Naturalist thro’ the influence of Mr Hughes your Borough Treasurer whom I am sorry I failed to meet during my visit to Birmingham.

I am intensely delighted with the “good time” I spent in your company and that of Prof Hughes and very much instructed also – the strata around Longmynd is so like that about Builth (my native place) – that my thoughts were carried back to boyish days – your discussion with Prof Hughes on the \_\_\_\_\_ claims of Murchison and Sedgwick also reminded me of the time when contradictory opinions of these geologists mystified the innocent natives of Builth.

I am much interested by your successful efforts to promote the Systematic Study of Geology in the Birmingham district and I would like to see something of the same kind attempted here – We have a great variety of geological strata within the CNS district and workers who only want organisation – I would be glad therefor to obtain the directions and lists for local work – which you spoke of publishing –

Bust is not that the work of the B.A. might undertake? Instead of guiding and stimulating local effort – that somewhat effete Institution pumps cold water upon it – The B.A. needs reform as much as the Royal Academy and I could not help thinking last week – you are just the man to undertake that much needed work – what is wanted in my view is a constitution that will provide for the constant infusion of new blood and to that end give the rank and file more power in the election of officials – For had the powers I venture to say we should soon put you and Prof Hughes in the Scientific Cabinet.

Pray give my very best regards to Mrs Lapworth – I am sorry she could not stay with us in the end – and again thanking you for your untiring and efficient efforts for our comfort and pleasure for the valuable instructions you afforded –

I am my dear Sir  
Yours Faithfully  
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Dear Prof Lapworth

I have not been able to discover the whereabouts of the young gentleman whose name you mentioned to me – Can you send me his name and address

I think you said his name is Moreton – I have regard of the officials of the Barry Dock and Railway – under that name but cannot hear of him – I am sure our Naturalists Society number would be glad to make his acquaintance

Yours faithfully

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My dear Prof Lapworth

I saw your Morton for half an hour last night – it appears that at present he is engaged upon the Severn Tunnel work – about 30 miles away from Cardiff – hence my difficulty in finding him

I feel flattered by your compliments about my Darwinian paper and I should feel honoured of your acceptance of a copy – I did not accurately explain myself in saying it was the last copy. I should have said it was the last of the copies published separately – I have one or two copies bound in the Cardiff Naturalists Annual Report.

I \_\_\_\_\_ that the Midland Institute \_\_\_\_\_ published was what that part of my Inaugural Address which deals with Darwin & Spencer – of which I sent you a copy it was published just about January 1885 I think.

I used to be intensely interested with Darwin and then with Spencer – but the last year or two (better late than never) I have been studying hard the German Philosophy – Kant and Hegel which puts a new complexion on Spencer – I think I shall By and bye \_\_\_\_\_ the Cardiff Nats Soc by a paper on the Religious Aspect of science from Hegels point of view! - I find it a profoundly interesting subject.

Do you ever accept \_\_\_\_\_ to lecture to provincial societies? Our C.N.S. generally \_\_\_ half a dozen in the winter season - Sir Robert Ball was here last week and lectured on the Astronomical Aspect of the Glacial Periods – I have a notion I should like to hear you on “Local organisation of geological work” or some kindred subject – I gather from what dropped from you, you have been thinking that subject over.

We generally \_\_\_\_\_ but I think our arrangements are complete for the coming winter but if you do anything in that way – We \_\_\_ book you up next winter

Many thanks for your new paper which I shall have much pleasure in reading -

With kind regards to Mrs Lapworth and yourself

I am yours faithfully  
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