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Henry Ward Beecher

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BROOKLYN, N. Y.

124 COLUMBIA HEIGHTS.

Sept 8, 1883.  
S.F.

Joseph Selento

Dear Sir

Mr Day  
handed me several  
pamphlets, containing  
your views upon various  
aspects of Evolution  
for which I desire to  
thank you heartily. They  
were just what I needed  
& I shall not content  
myself with reading, but  
shall study them - I had  
already your Geology  
& am more than glad to

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secure these additional  
works.

I enclose my Route  
for several weeks to come,  
as you will see that I  
shall have leisure in  
the Cars for much  
reading & meditation.  
Now, will you allow me  
to present for your consid-  
eration the preparation  
of a popular manual  
on Evolution - to meet  
the wants of the general  
reading public, and  
also for Academies &  
higher institutions of learning

The want is great, & every  
day growing greater -

No one can adequately  
perform the task who  
is not at once a trained  
Scientist & a firm Christian

Such a work would have  
a large circulation &  
I have no doubt, that  
advantageous terms could  
be made with eminent  
Publishers.

With sincere appreciation  
of the work you have  
done & are doing in the  
cause of sound Learning,

I am, dear Sir, very truly  
Yours Henry Ward Beecher