

Middleton

28 Sep., 1887.

HUDWORTH COTTAGE,
CASTLE EDEN,
CO: DURHAM.

My dear Sir,
I beg leave to
hand you the
enclosed copy
of an interesting
old letter of your
late Father's,
which has just
been sent to me.
You will be the
best judge as to
the authenticity
of the quotation
given in the
'Dunder Advertiser'

of Monday last,
which I also en-
close. If, as I am
inclined to sus-
pect, the alleged
letter is a forgery,
it might be well
that the fact
should be made
known.

I have a fine
collection of auto-
graphs, & make
a speciality of the
authenticity of sci-
entific letters. If
any more of Mr.
Darwin's should
reach me, I will

not fail to send you
copies.

I hope your
own interesting
work from Lu-
dington.

Believe me,
My dear Sir,
Very truly yr.,
R. Mott Middelton

If you could spare
me a letter of Mr.
C. H. Darwin's, F.R.S., whose
Theory of the Tides was
interested our mind,
I should feel very much
obliged; but pray do
not trouble to seek
for one. R. M. M.

Fr. Darwin, Esq. F.R.S.

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At a time when priests of various creeds are claiming Mr DARWIN for their own it is interesting to have from his pen an authentic statement regarding his views on revelation. This was communicated by Mr DARWIN in answer to an inquiry from a young student at Jena, in whom the study of DARWIN'S books had raised religious doubts, and the letter has only now been made public. "Science and CHRIST," he says, "have nothing to do with each other except in as far as the habit of scientific investigation makes a man cautious about accepting any proofs. As far as I am concerned I do not believe that any revelation has ever been made. With regard to a future life, every one must draw his own conclusions from vague and contradictory probabilities."