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Dear Sir

In response to your appeal
(vide "Academy") for the personal of
letters received from and written by
the late W. V. Dawson, please receive
enclosed which can be included
(if agreeable) in the contemplated
Biography - I have also sent - as also -
the verbatim copy of my letter -
born of which - was the valuable
counterpart in question - you
can also attend, the matter of the
letter, in any way you think
proper. Permit me to thank you

Care with W. Darro's letter,
which can be returned at your
leisure - any time in fact -
convenient to you.

Remain Dear Sir
Yours truly
Harris.

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Now you will look upon the literary
Manhattan as pending this as a
secondary matter, being prompted to
respectfully ask if you can inform me
of the reasons that explain the
existence of "apes" in our day, or
that material, out of which, the
writer as a member of the human
family has emerged - why the
hould, as it were, still remain.
Can we look upon those living
ancestral types as the residuum of
development, at one period, they
have presumably been supreme, and
that process that has thinned them
out to me if I have patience
eventually obliterate them.

A friend who takes advantage of my
interest in your writings put the
question to me - "Why have not

the apes been swallowed up in
victory"; (or anything lower than
anthropoid apes.); perhaps the
reason I was vague, is that much
of what has emanated from your
pen, is as yet, untroubled ground.
Hope his grace will not think me
inquisitive, in the foregoing understood
manner by this letter, but I shall be
thanked than you are obliged to receive
an answer if it is not inconvenient.
I shall probably be made aware of
an unsuspected weakness on my
part considering the simplicity
of my request.

Harris