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faithfully yours

J. A. Roode

December 21.

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FROUDE, JAMES ANTHONY (1818-1894).
Historian and essayist. London.
A.L.S. to "My dear Sir."
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Writing to an editor, Froude says it is difficult for him to write hasty papers "on indifferent subjects", and he must relate all his writing. He could have a paper done in two months' time on the ancient and modern views of scientific thought, and their effect on morality and character. He outlines his views on the subject, and sketches in the main lines of the article.

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In the course of six weeks or two months I could let you have an Essay on the ancient and modern scientific schools of thought and the effect of the acceptance of scientific principles (as the basis of belief) on morality and character. Science must be either sovereign or subject. Make it sovereign, and you will have indefinite material progress. Make it subject to conscience and imagination and you will have Spirityal Progress - Art and Religion. But you will not have both kind s of progress together. They are like systole and diastole and characterize alternating periods of human history.

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