

Address from  
Class in Dalhousie Col  
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Dalhousie College

29<sup>th</sup> March 1850

At a meeting of a number  
of the Gentlemen who have been  
attending Mr. Dawson's Lectures  
on Natural History, it was  
moved and seconded that Dr  
Parker take his Chair and  
that the Rev. A. Forrester act  
as Secretary -

It was then moved and unan-  
imously agreed to that the  
following address be presented  
to Mr. Dawson, signed by the  
Chairman in name of the meeting

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Mr. J. W. Dawson

Dear

It affords us no ordinary satisfaction to convey to you before leaving Halifax the expression of our opinion of your eminent qualifications, as a Lecturer on Natural History.

It is impossible, we think, for any one who has attended the Course of Lectures you have just finished, not to have perceived your varied and extensive acquirements in the whole ~~and~~ <sup>of</sup> the branches of Natural History, the ease, the simplicity and the accurate precision with which you communicate your knowledge to others, and above all, the Modesty

by which your whole deport-  
ment is characterized, - the  
most most befitting every  
Student of Nature's worth  
It is not for us, Sir, to  
draw distinctions, but in earnest  
upraise from specially adverting  
to your thorough acquaintance  
with the present state of the  
Science of Geology, and the  
admirable manner in which  
you bring your Mineralogical,  
Phytological and Zoological  
Knowledge to bear on the  
elucidation of that Science, -  
a Science which a Herschel  
has ranked, in the magnitude  
and sublimity of the objects of  
which it treats, to be in the  
scale of sciences next to  
Astronomy, and which, in an  
important Country such as this,  
is fraught with peculiar

importance

It is matter of regret  
to us, that comparatively so  
few have availed themselves  
of the opportunity of attending  
your able lectures, but be  
ful confident that should  
you again be induced to  
return to Halifax, the attend-  
ance will be ~~greatly~~ increased  
and, in the mean time, we  
hope that such a taste for  
these branches of knowledge has  
been imparted to some, as will  
afterwards give evidence that  
your efforts have not been  
in vain.

Wishing you all prosperity  
and success in the prosecution of  
your favorite studies, we beg  
to subscribe ourselves

Yours with much esteem  
In Home Land by S. M. W. Parker and  
apparent of making Alex. Forrester M.D.