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I have had no opportunity of making the personal acquaintance of Mr Dawson, but I have formed a high opinion of him as a Geologist, from his numerous Communications to the Geological Society. They show not only great accuracy and a well directed observation united with a thorough acquaintance with his Subjects, but that he has enlarged philosophical views in his most minute researches.

I regret very much the absence on the Continent of my son-in-law Sir Charles Lyell, who would I am sure have borne strong testimony to Mr Dawson's qualifications as a Naturalist. He has often spoken to me of in very high terms of Mr Dawson's scientific knowledge having often worked with him in the field & frequent communications on other occasions, and very recently he expressed to me his

Strong conviction that Mr Dawson  
is eminently fitted to teach with  
advantage and do honour to the  
Chair of Natural History in the  
University of Edinburgh.

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