

16, Belgrave Square.

Aug 11 1868

My dear Miss Home,

I am very glad  
that you who are so good a  
geologist happen to be a Curator  
of the University of Edinburgh &  
I hasten to reply to your  
queries

1.<sup>st</sup> Dr Daws on the principal  
of the Gilt College Montreal  
is I have no hesitation <sup>in saying</sup> unanimously  
distinguished for his geological  
researches, & that in my last or  
first Edition of Siberia I have  
made abundant reference.

So Charles Lyell is largely  
credited to him for the alluvial  
& periglacial masses in  
which he has developed the

order & organic remains of  
the Devonia & Cambrian periods  
rocks of America, New Scotia &c.  
Dr Dawson has added immensely  
to our acquaintance with the Flora  
of the Devonian, & on this point almost  
his lectures would quite produce  
a 'fervor' in the Metropolis  
of the 'Old Red Sandstone'.

I may add that he is not only  
a very effective speaker but  
has a most capable delivery  
as every geologist can testify  
who attended the last Meeting of  
the British Assoc<sup>n</sup> at Birmingham.

I can also testify that  
he is a man of administrative  
ability & a true friend  
To William Logan too

Director General of the  
Canadian Survey, & also is  
now a London speaker decidedly.

Dr Dawson's manners are  
slightingly good & pleasing  
& he is so thoroughly a gentleman  
in appearance, manners &  
habits, that I am quite  
certain he would please even  
the most fastidious critics  
of the modern Athens.

I hope Lyell has  
written to the same effect.

As to Geology Dawson  
is just the very man to fill  
up the desiderata <sup>at Edinburgh</sup> — if  
the cultivation of profound  
paleontological knowledge is to  
be a good eye for a Londoner

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Field Surveying

I have heard  
hope you may choose him;  
for he is a man of  
very general & sound knowledge  
in letters as in Science.

Yours sincerely

Robert Mulvett

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