



Birkhill, Hope Terrace
Edinburgh 9th April 1869

Dear Sir,
The Edinburgh Geological Society have recently published the two first parts of the First Volume of their Transactions; and the Council have instructed me to send you by Book Post those Parts of which, as one of our Foreign Corresponding Fellows they beg your acceptance.

I trust you will find something of interest in these fasciculi, and they will show you at least that we are working hard, and I trust not unsuccessfully, to make out the history of our Country. In these efforts we keep in view the circumstance that our Geological Survey cannot work out minute details as the Officials of it would desire, and thus we seek to perform this work for them. May I ask your kind co-operation and assistance in aiding us in establishing our Society upon a true and solid basis. It is refreshing I assure you to receive an occasional letter or communication from our Foreign Corresponding Fellows, and these help us in urging us to greater diligence in our labours. It will give the Society great pleasure to receive a Paper or notice from you occasionally on any geological point of interest you may happen to come across. Perhaps you could contribute a Paper to our Proceedings for next Session, as our last Meeting for this Session will be held in May.

We are seeking to extend the usefulness of our Library by asking donations to it from our Members, and it would be esteemed a great favor if you would send us a Copy of your "Arcadian Geology", and copies of any Scientific Papers you may have contributed to learned Societies, for

presentation to the Library. We are not wealthy enough
to purchase many new Books, and those bought are
usually for Reference. I have sent by this Mail a
copy of our Transactions to the Natural History Society of
Montreal with an application to the Society for an
interchange of publications. If you happen to be a
"Fellow" will you kindly back our application in such
a way that will ensure its success. It is by acts of
this kind, also, that our Foreign Members can
materially aid us. -

We have been very successful this Session
in securing such an eminent Geologist as Mr. Glikie
as our President. He is at the head of the Scottish
Sunday. Our Session is just closing for the Year
and it has been a fair average out for work.

There is to be a gathering of German
Naturalists at Innsbruck this summer, to which
a few of our Men of Science proceed - I suppose it
will be a miniature "British Association" -

Professor Phillips work on "Vesuvius"
has been well received - "Vulcanism" with "Chemical
Geology" have received lately much attention from Scientific
men. - Gold in a very pure state (22 Carats fine)
has been discovered, and is now sought for in the Silurian
of Sutherlandshire - Upwards of £500. 8s. worth has been
purchased of the precious metal, by a single Jeweller in
Inverness. This will show you it is rather abundant.
Again asking your hearty co-operation in extending our
usefulness as a Society I remain, Dear Sir
to Principal Dawson Yours very truly
W. Gill Collyer, Montreal
Canada
Geo. A. Stanton
Montreal