



Royal Society,  
Burlington House

Nov. 1, 1887.

Sir,

Your letter to the  
President of the Royal Society dated  
June 9th., was, with the enclosure  
laid by him before the Council  
at the earliest opportunity after  
its arrival, viz., at the meeting  
of July 7th. That however, being  
the last meeting before the summer  
recess, it seemed desirable to  
postpone any immediate decision  
until the Council reassembled  
in October, all the more so

Sir J. W. Dawson,

C.M.S., F.R.S.





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*Handwritten signature: Ralph Smith*

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since the interval gave the President and Officers an opportunity of consulting eminent men qualified to form an opinion on the matter but not members of the present Council.

At their first meeting after the recess (Oct. 27th.) the President and Council, having given your proposals their most anxious consideration have directed me to make known to you the following decision:—That Sir J. W. Dawson be informed, that having regard to the existing condition of the question as to Scientific





Federation, and the various contingencies that may arise during the next few years, they do not see their way to summoning such a Conference as that which he recommends."

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

M. Foster.

Sec. R. S.