

16 Sep., 1884. *Meddleton*

HUDWORTH COTTAGE,  
CASTLE EDEN,  
CO: DURHAM.

Dear Sir, Madam,  
Pray accept  
the hearty con-  
gratulations of  
my dear wife  
& myself on the  
well-earned  
distinction which  
has, at so appro-  
priate a moment,  
been conferred  
upon you by our  
beloved Queen.

It must add  
greatly to your  
happiness to know  
that this honour  
is shared by one  
whose affection  
has brought you  
so much joy in  
the past, & I in  
Widdleton & I  
would much  
like to include  
Lady Dawson in  
our felicitations.

You will be very  
thankful that the  
British Association

Meeting is over  
& that-it has been  
in every way so  
successful. Your  
own burden of  
responsibility has  
been heavy, but  
the magnificent  
reception which  
has been accorded  
to the Appearances  
have been as  
gratifying to your-  
self as to the  
members. I was  
much disappointed  
that business  
would not allow

me to come as I  
had intruded.  
But I had the solace  
of two or three happy  
days with Dr.  
Gladstone & his  
family, & then  
a run north to  
Skye. Our little  
people are much  
enjoying themselves  
in the woods near  
Whitby.

With kindest  
remembrance &  
all good wishes to  
Lady Dawson, your  
daughter & yours  
I am, Y<sup>r</sup> most sincerely  
R. M<sup>r</sup> Widdell  
Sir M<sup>r</sup> Dawson, Bart.