

Dallas
GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY,

BURLINGTON HOUSE, W.

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My dear Sir

I have to apologise
for the length of time which I
have allowed to elapse without
replying to your letter, which
reached me some time before the
printed documents & when I
was very much distracted with
the necessity of attending to a
variety of discordant matters,
at the same time that my
own proper work was falling

daily more than into arrears. -
During the whole of last month
I may almost say that I have
been at work night & day, that
is, I have been working from 6 or
7 in the morning till 9 or 10 at
night, & when you consider that
most of the work has been reading
& arranging proofs & illustrations
you will probably admit that
I must have had enough of it.
During the whole time also we
have been in muddle &
confusion with printers &
decorators, so that on the
whole I hope you will forgive
me for a neglect that does

not often happen with me, & I
hope will not soon occur again.

To make up for the time lost
I now send you two nomination
forms, which, I need hardly say,
will be very welcome if returned
duly filled up & signed. The
delay in forwarding them is
indeed practically of little
consequence, as the Session
was virtually over when I
received your letter, & there will
be plenty of time for them to
come back before the 9th of
November which is our
first meeting in the Session
1887-88.

I suppose we shall have the
pleasure of seeing you in
London next summer, when
I believe it is settled that the
International Congress is to
meet here. - Meanwhile,
but once more entreating your
forgiveness, I remain

Yours very truly,

W. S. Dallas

Sir J. William Dawson