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My dear Sir William Dawson

The sight of your handwriting  
was a pleasure, for I was beginning  
to think that so long a time had  
elapsed since last I saw it, that  
I must write myself and enquire  
how you, your work, and your  
family were progressing. On these  
respects I am glad to have a  
good account. You have done well  
to lighten your load of teaching -  
I have heard of, and I think  
have met, Mr F Adams,

and seen some of his work which is good.

There could be no better school than  
that of Rosenbusch for petrography. The

only drawback is that it is not equally

good for petrology - I would accept

almost unhesitatingly his opinion as to

the mineral constituents of a rock,

and yet attach scarce any weight to

his opinion as to its history - The

reference to Mich Dawson in your letter

was the first intimation what I have

had of the coming change. I offer my

complutations and best wishes for her

happiness - You do not know even

say who is the fortunate man -

I have had Dr. G. Dawson's

certificate again suspended at the  
Royal - unfortunately there is a rule  
- a very absurd one as it seems to me -  
against making additions to the  
history of a candidate unless a  
totally new certificate be put in -

I think that Dr Selwyn could not  
do you or a greater service than by  
writing privately to any friends, especially  
geological, on the Council, giving  
a statement of his own opinion of  
your son's work and calling  
attention to what has been done  
since the certificate was first  
read - I forget at this moment  
who besides Evans and Gibbie,

are on the Council, for I was away in  
Italy when the letter came me - Some business  
took me away there for few weeks -  
I did little geology - almost none - but  
saw a good deal of scenery - part  
of the Dalmatian coast as well  
as much of the Italian. All being  
with a long paper to be read by me  
at the Geol. Soc: in January - the  
result of last summer's work - In it I  
explode Heim's assertion that there are  
in the Alps crystalline schists of Jurassic  
age. Among other little difficulties in  
his view is that his jurassic schists  
supply fragments to Triassic breccias!

With kind remembrances from my father  
and myself to yourself Lady and  
Miss Dawson

Very sincerely yours  
J. G. Bonney