

~~H. W. W. W.~~
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Hanover N.H. Jan 3rd 80
Sir William Dawson

My Darling:

He had a very successful meeting of the Geological Society in New York. There were perhaps eighty members in attendance and forty two papers registered - most of them lengthy. This means a large material to draw from than is common at the meetings of the A.R.S.

Almost everyone was good natured. There was a little sparring between Alex. Mitchell and Van Hise, over the abilities of the Lake Prof Irving. He had too little time, only three days - so that many papers were read only by title.

We were pleased to see several Canadians present with their papers - Interest was attached to Mc Connell's description of the glacial phenomena on the Yukon and Mackenzie rivers as they matched

those stately Russell for Alaska
The heavy mammals seem to have
been driven north by the glaciers -
and of course perished in consequence
There was a decided movement towards
a belief in the igneous origin of the
Laurentian gneisses

I have recently heard of new exposures
of fossil footmarks. Rows of the birds feet
25 or 30 feet in length can be obtained -
the tracks being of medium size, but
not so perfect as those for sale by Mr
T. M. Staughton of Turner's Falls of
whom I spoke to you. They would have
the advantage of making a conspicuous
show when seen from a distance - They
occur in a quarry at Holyoke and I don't
know how much it would cost to
excavate.

I am desirous that slabs be distrib-
uted as far as possible - and therefore
am glad to assist those who

with feathers, in any possible
way - Mr Staughton is a dealer and
bases his prices upon sales that have been
effected in years past - and seems to
connect size of footmark with large price
to some extent - The National Museum
and the State Museum at Albany were
purchasers last year. I prize most highly
some rows of a small sized quadruped (not
bird-foot) behind and five toed feet in front.
I think that is a \$300. slab - but my notes are
imperfect - it being next to one valued at
\$500. I think you would like to see
them when you next visit that section
of country

Respy Yrs
C. H. Hitchcock