

Mr Lyell  
Shieldhill, Kircubbin, Scotland.

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~~42, Regent's Park Road, N.W.~~

Dear Mr Dawson.

You will be surprised at hearing from me. but you will I think remember me, & not know of all the great changes & sorrows I have had. Two years ago my dearest sister (Lady Lyell) was taken from us. & early in this year I lost my husband most suddenly, & unexpectedly, & in less than 3 weeks <sup>after</sup> Sir Charles also. Life seems so strangely altered, and I often feel as if in a dream, but I have my dear children, and my eldest Leonard married last year, & now has a little son himself.

born last May, & named Charles  
Henry after the two dear brothers.  
I am now writing to ask, if you will  
kindly send me a copy of an address  
sheet I hear Principal Down has  
made to your Meteorological Society,  
on my dear brother's visit to America.  
It is I believe next to "Nature", but  
I have not yet seen it, & if I am  
right, that it is printed in pamphlet  
form, I shall be so much obliged  
if you will send it to me. I hope  
my young friend your son George  
is well, & continuing his successful  
career, for I hear he has been  
much engaged in scientific work.  
which is the most deeply interesting  
of any work - I have come

down to Scotland for a time with  
my daughter Rosamond & my two  
younger sons <sup>also</sup> with me - Frank  
having returned from S. Africa lately  
(Arthur is at Cambridge) - but at  
present it is vacation - Leonard  
is also staying in this neighbourhood  
at what is now his own property, but  
he will go south to the British Association  
at Bristol in the course of a fortnight.  
Pray present my respects to Dr  
Dawson, & with kind remembrances  
to your son -

Believe me dear Mr.  
Dawson sincerely yours

Katharine M. Lyell

We return to London (to the address  
at the beginning of my letter) at the end of  
Sept. but remain meanwhile with  
my sister & her here -

