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Dear Dr. Dawson.

No favourable opportunity presenting itself, I did not care to intrude on you when in Montreal lately on your sad mission and would therefore take this opportunity to express to you my deepest sympathy in the personal loss you have sustained by the recent death of your father.

Sir William was my most respected teacher and his kindly disposition and wonderful enthusiasm in geology did most to direct my attention to the study of this science while his clear explanations of its principles laid the foundation for the work which has occupied all my energies in recent years.

I never have I read or heard such spontaneous and widespread appreciative references to the life, work, and talents of any man in Canada. Such universal sorrow is to say the least unusual and must surely help at this time to assuage your deep grief.

In offering you my heartfelt sympathy, I might be permitted to mention my own personal sorrow at an event which though foreseen we all hoped might be deferred much longer.

Yours Very Truly
Alfred E. Barlow



