

Copy of letter from
Dr. Parkin to Dr. Ami

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I thank you most sincerely for your kind thoughts in sending me a copy of your Memoirs & Bibliography of our great & good friend Dr. Dawson. It has just come in this morning, & I hasten to acknowledge it. It is beautifully printed - quite a pleasure to look at - & I am looking forward with the deepest interest to reading it at once. A single glance at the Bibliography proves what a wonderful worker he was, & what a vast amount of material he left for those who come after him to study. His death was a real national loss to Canada. It takes many years many years to mould such a man & mind even when you have the raw material, & the twenty or thirty years of further work to which we may have fairly looked forward seem an irreparable loss; but we may be sure that somewhere & somehow the harmony is made complete. Men who study the process of the great geological ages must learn to feel how infinitely minute is the span of life at its best; how like a hairbreadth is any fraction of that life that is gauged by the measure of eternity. So that we must say that it is well even though our own hearts protest. (Signed) Geo. R. Parkin.

