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It affords me much pleasure to bear testimony to the high attainments of Mr. Dawson in his various branches of Natural History

The I have often heard of the Geological Researches of Mr. Dawson in the Province as well as of his Contributions to the Geological Society of London & of his frequent visits to the University of Cambridge on occasion of his delivering a Course of Lectures on Natural History in Dalhousie College, Halifax. These Lectures were ~~attended~~ at the request of the Governor, & that Institution were largely attended, and highly appreciated. Since then I have enjoyed much freedom of intercourse with him, and repeatedly heard his Lectures before the Mechanics Institute here and also at the late Provincial Industrial Exhibition and am more and more firmly persuaded that Mr. D. is not only a complete Entomologist in Natural Science but

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propagated by extensive attachments
in all its departments and especially
by Mineralogy and Geology both
theoretical and practical, as well
as of great utility in Commerce
by store of knowledge to others

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disseminated qualifications of the
for the Chair of Natural History in the
University of Edinburgh and have
no hesitation in saying that should
Mr. Dawson be chosen to occupy that
honorable position he will not only
do credit to the University but
advance largely the general interests
of science

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