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Jersey 1st London
19 March 1875

My dear Dr. Dawson

I have filled in your
sons Certificate for the Geological
Society on the proper printed
form which is the Rule. I

have signed it & shall to day
forward it to Dr. Bigsby for his
signature, & shall after that
have it well signed by Huxley
Etheridge & others of my Colleagues
here. He will be elected after

The interval of a few weeks
during which his Certificate will
be suspended in the Customary
manner.

I am very glad to hear that
he is going to British Columbia
with Selwyn, and feel sure that
he will do good work.

Sir Charles Lyell's death was
a shock, even though we had been
expecting it for some time. No one
can fill his place. I was at his
funeral in Westminster Abbey where
a great crowd assembled, besides

those specially invited of whom I was one. I recognised among the faces many well known geologists and a great many Scotch people were there in the aisles & in the pews, who had no connexion with geology.

His Nephew Leonard Lyell, son of Colonel Lyell succeeds to the family property in Scotland. - Colonel Lyell died only a few weeks before his brother Sir Charles.

I have printed nothing since my last paper in the Proceedings of the Royal Society "On the Comparative Value of Certain Geological Ages &c." It is sheer want of time that prevents me, for I have had a

paper half written for six months
 "On the pre-Miocene Alps." I
 trust however in Easter time
 to get a day or two to finish it.
 When your book on Eozoon arrives
 I shall be well pleased. In my
 usual course I lectured about
 Eozoon yesterday, & of course
 had occasion to mention you with
 honour. I am sorry to hear
 your account of Sir Mr. Lyell.
 He rarely writes now, & I have been
 wearying to hear of him this long
 time. Give him my kindest regards
 when you see him.

Ever your sincerely
 And^{ly} warmly
 A. D. N.