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My dear Dr. Dawson

Allow me to introduce  
to you my friend Mr. W. Anton  
Ellis, a very influential citizen  
of Exeter, and its Mayor a few  
years since. He was long a  
Member of the Committee of this  
Institution, and has always been  
a very warm supporter of the  
Museum as well as of every  
thing else good and useful  
in the City to which he has been

a great benefactor.

He is kind enough to convey  
to you for me a few Paleolithic  
Implements made of Greensand  
Chert. They have been found  
in numbers 40 feet deep in  
gravel at Brown Ballast  
pit in the parish of Hawkchurch  
near Aiminster Devon. Pray  
accept them as a trifling  
remembrance from me.  
I shall not forget your many

acts of kindness to me when  
in Montreal, long ago alas!

I should much have liked  
to have accompanied the  
British Association to Canada.  
I am sorry to say that I am  
compelled to sail for California  
in September next on account  
of the serious illness of my  
second son and the doctors  
say it is the only chance of  
saving his life. I am going



to Santa Barbara on the  
Pacific Coast 300 miles  
South of San Francisco.

I should much have liked  
to have made the acquaintance  
of your Son of whom I have  
heard so much as a Geologist  
Truly Canada has advanced  
rapidly in Science since my  
time

Believe me

Very truly Yrs

J. M. D'Urban

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