

Hall

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF IRELAND,

Office, 14 Hume Street, Dublin,

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My dear Sir William Dawson

I was obliged to leave
Birmingham before the close of
the meeting - in order to visit
my father at Scarborough, before
returning home -

I write a line to say - how much
I regret not having had an oppor-
tunity for a personal interview - and also
say, how greatly I appreciated your
Address,

although you do not fall
in with my views regarding the
age of the Atlantic Basin - to the
extent I could wish. The Athenaeum

has some remarks on this point
worthy of your consideration - the
thing, however, I may say, that
your address has given me a
clearer conception of the nature
and origin of the old Archean

Trust this I never had before -

I concur with a friend of mine
who writes from Aberdeen here as
follows: - "The general tone of his
(Sir J. W. D.'s) Address must, I should
think, have been very satisfactory
to you and all men of science who
agree with you, & deprecate the
unlignous tendencies of some of
the addresses we have had in recent
years" -

In conclusion,

Should you come over to Dublin

Before returning to America - I
need not say how glad I shall
be to show you all the attention
in my power. We are just
completing our Donegal work -
and I venture to think all
peave of the highest interest.

Believe me -

Ever faithfully yours

Edward Hall